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A. OFFICIALS

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Commission on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy: The Reverend John J. Shaffer, Box 186, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

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Youth: Mr. James LaBau, Douglas 99824.

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Maynard-McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome: Donald Denning, Administrator, Box 550, Nome 99762.

Nome Community Center, Inc.: William Trudeau, Director, Box 98, Nome 99762.

United Campus Ministry, Inc.: Dr. Robert W. Nelson, Director, 851 University Avenue, Fairbanks 99701.

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(*Indicates a lay person)

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Ac Wischmeier, Chairman; Jean Stassel*, Jack Townshend*, Danita Trudeau*, Natalie Brooks*, Robert Terry*, Kathie Whitehead*, John Shaffer, Walter Hays, Bruce Bartel, Charles Horner.

B. GENERAL COMMISSIONS:

1. **Christian Social Responsibilities:** Natalie Brooks*, Chairman; Donald Bolton*, Donna Froula*, Norma Nelson*, Lydia Hays*, Henrietta Newton*, Jackie Oberg*, Donald Denning*, Jean Stassel*, Dwight Tevuk*, David Fison, Richard Gilbert, John Shaffer, William Trudeau, Boone White, Thomas Whitehead.
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Southcentral: Supt., Archie Heald*, Aleen Fison*, Taylor Marshall*, Earl Maxwell*, Harold (Bill) Searby*, Robert Terry*, Robert Bowers, Howard DeVore, David Fison, Gary Lueck, John Tindell, Eugene Groves.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE COUNSEL AND NOMINATIONS

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DELEGATES TO THE ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE 1972-1973

Bruce Bartell, Walter Hays, Thomas Whitehead, Mission Supt., Roland Stanton*, Ruth Popejoy*, Nancy Matthews*, Winnie Snodgrass*, Jon DeVore*.

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2. **Alaska Methodist University:** James Kross*, Raymond I. Petersen*, Louis E. Simpson*, Harry E. Carter*, Ralph Cox*, Robert O. Denny*, John Overby*, Louise Kellogg*.

3. **Maynard-McDougall Memorial Hospital:** Jean Stassel* or Donna Froula*.

4. **Nome Community Center, Inc.:** Jean Stassel* or Donna Froula*.

5. **United Campus Ministry, Inc.:** Supt., Howard DeVore, John Turner*, Larry Bennett*, James Howard*.

6. **Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc.:** Jean Stassel* or Donna Froula*.

7. **Birchwood Camp, Inc.:** Robert Bowers, Chairman; John Eaton*, V. Chmn.; Eugene Groves, Treas.; Marvis Nelson*, Sec.; Donald Judd*, David Fison, Thomas Whitehead, Program Council Chmn.; Ac. Wischmeier.

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III. ROLL CALL

A. LAY DELEGATES

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Natalie Brooks
Chris Chauvin
Donna Froula
Ernest Gillam
Julie Isaac
Claudia Kelsey
John Mason
Jim Moore
Bernadine Mutch

Sally Pendleton
Elizabeth Richardson
Burt Rochan
Bea Shepard
Robert Smay
Jean Stassel
Robert Terry
Dwight Tevuk
Jack Townsend
Kathie Whitehead
Marjorie Wooster

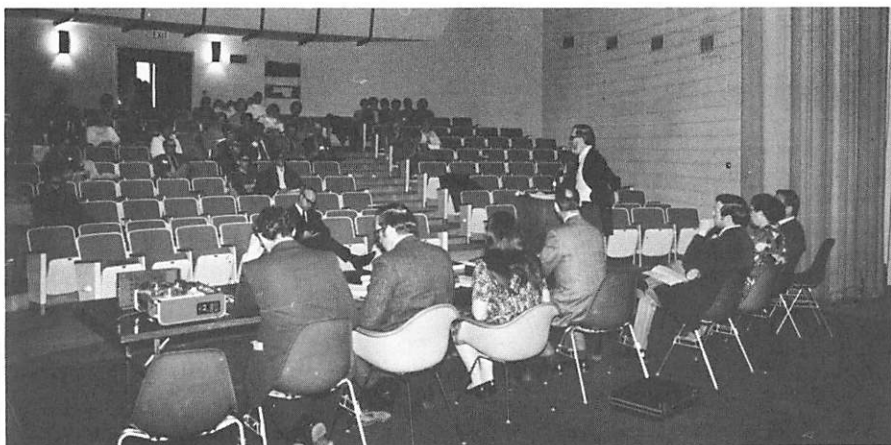
B. MINISTERIAL MEMBERS:

Bruce Bartel
Robert Bowers
Howard DeVore
James Fellers
David Fison
Richard Gilbert
Eugene Groves
Donald Hartman
Walter Hays
Charles Horner

Ernest Jones
Gary Lueck
Robert Nelson
John Shaffer
James Thompson
John Tindell
William Trudeau
Eugene Walters
Boone White
Thomas Whitehead

C. GUESTS OF THE CONFERENCE:

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Seifert, Claremont School of Theology
Dr. Thomas Trotter, Claremont School of Theology
Dr. Harry Komuro, National Division of the Board of Global Ministries
Dr. Betsy Ewing, National Division of the Board of Global Ministries
The Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Warne, National Division of the Board of
Global Ministries
Mrs. W. Maynard Sparks, wife of Bishop Sparks
Chaplain Joseph Aloyusus, Fort Richardson
Chaplain Norsworthy, Elmendorf Air Force Base



The Conference in Session

IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1972

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church in Alaska, which was the first Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, began with the registration of lay delegates and ministers on Tuesday morning, May 30, 1972, at 9:00 a.m. The morning was spent in a program of orientation for the lay persons. The first business session was convened by Bishop W. Maynard Sparks at 1:05 p.m. in Brown Chapel of Alaska Methodist University.

OPENING WORSHIP

The assembled lay delegates, ministers, and visitors sang the traditional opening hymn for United Methodist Conferences, "And Are We Yet Alive." Following the singing of the hymn, Bishop Sparks led the conference in the Third Creed, page 512 of the old Methodist Hymnal. The brief opening worship was concluded by Bishop Sparks with a prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession.

GREETINGS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, AND SPECIAL MATTERS

Bishop Sparks brought his own personal greetings to the Annual Meeting and extended good wishes to the Annual Meeting on behalf of the sister areas of the Alaska Mission, the Oregon-Idaho Conference and the Pacific Northwest Conference over which he also presides.

The following procedural motions were brought before the Annual Meeting for its consideration by the Secretary, Robert Bowers:

- 1) The Bar of the Conference shall be the entire center section of the auditorium.
- 2) The Order of the Day for Tuesday shall be the order as printed in the 1972 Annual Meeting Handbook.

- 3) Bruce Bartel, pastor of the Church of the New Covenant, Kenai, and Mrs. Robert (Julie) Isaac, Lay Delegate from Douglas shall be designated as the assistants to the Secretary.

Ac Wischmeier introduced Dr. John Picton, President of Alaska Methodist University. Dr. Picton extended greetings on behalf of himself and the University and addressed the Annual Meeting briefly.

Ac Wischmeier made nominations for the Courtesy Committee (Eugene Walters, Chrm.; Jean Stassel, and Robert Smay) and the Committee on Appreciation (Bernadine Mutch, Chrm.; John Shaffer, and Dr. Robert Terry). The nominations were approved.

Introductions were continued by Mr. Wischmeier with the following persons being introduced to and recognized by the Annual Meeting:

- 1) The Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Warne, Department of Finance and Field Service of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries.
- 2) Mrs. W. Maynard Sparks, wife of Bishop Sparks was introduced and presented with a corsage;
- 3) Dr. Betsy Ewing, Associate General Secretary of the Board of Global Ministries was introduced and presented with a corsage;
- 4) Mrs. Ac (Irene) Wischmeier was introduced and presented with a corsage;
- 5) Dr. Harry Komuro, staff person in charge of Alaska, National Division Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church.
- 6) The Reverend Boone White, Special Appointment of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries for appointment to Alaska. (Ac Wischmeier moved that we grant Boone White the privilege of voice without vote in the proceedings of this Annual Meeting. The privilege was granted);
- 7) Donald Denning, administrator of Maynard-McDougal Memorial Hospital in Nome;
- 8) Jon DeVore, Manager of the Cokesbury Bookstore for Annual Meeting;
- 9) Mrs. Charles (Gretchen) Dombecki, Secretary of the Alaska Mission Office;
- 10) Thomas Whitehead and Thomas Handley, co-pastors of the Jewel Lake Parish;
- 11) Mr. Jim Moore, Lay Delegate from Jewel Lake Parish—representative for Tuesday (the Parish will send one representative each day). Ac Wischmeier moved that we grant the privilege of the floor, voice but not vote, for this session of the Annual Meeting to the persons who will represent Jewel Lake Parish, until Wednesday night, when the Parish will receive full recognition as a fellowship within the Mission. Motion carried.

Ac Wischmeier moved that the Annual Meeting send greetings to Mrs. Everett W. Palmer, Mrs. Raymond Grant, and Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Groves. Motion carried.

Robert Bowers, Secretary of the Annual Meeting, read a letter of greeting to the Annual Meeting from Leo and Mona Cramer, who formerly served in Alaska.

David Fison brought greetings from Roger Thompson and Jack Martin, former missionaries in Alaska whom he chanced to meet at General Conference.

Jean Stassel brought greetings from Madeline and Harold Beal.

Eugene Groves brought greetings from Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Groves.

Dr. Harry Komuro brought greetings from Bishop Golden of San Francisco.

Eugene Walters brought greetings from Mrs. A. Raymond Grant.

Ac Wischmeier introduced Joanne Alter, youth delegate and AMU student; and Kathie Whitehead, youth delegate, representing high school youth.

Ac Wischmeier asked for a special privilege which was granted. He introduced Mr. Jack Townshend, nominee for the position of Mission Conference Lay Leader. He moved that, because the present Lay Leader, Harold (Bill) Searby, was unable to attend the Annual Meeting, Mr. Townshend be permitted to take office immediately and serve in the capacity of Lay Leader. Motion carried

Ac Wischmeier introduced Dr. Robert Terry of Fairbanks who was the Alternate Delegate from the Fairbanks Church and who, by the previous action, becomes the official delegate from that church.

THE ALASKA MISSION BECOMES THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Ac Wischmeier gave the history behind the successful attempt of the Alaska Mission to petition General Conference for legislation enabling it to become a Missionary Conference. He also gave a partial explanation of what is meant by a Missionay Conference and of the directions we may take as a Misionary Conference.



Dr. Harvey Seifert,
Guest of the Conference



F. Thomas Trotter,
Conference Guest Speaker

John Shaffer, Chairman of the Alaska Delegation to the Committee which petitioned General Conference for the change in status and which wrote legislation to affect the change, presented the necessary motions. The first motion to dissolve the Alaska Mission and reconvene as the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church carried unanimously. The second motion concerning representation of institutions in the proceedings of the Alaska Missionary Conference was considered. It was approved to add "Incorporated, Fairbanks" after United Campus Ministry. The motion was referred back to the Committee for refinement and for return to the floor of the Conference at a later time. Motion 3 was approved. Motion 4 was approved with the substitution of the words "block Grant" for "lump sum." Motions No. 5 and No. 6 relating to communication of this action to the National Division of the Board of Missions and the wording of the Journal were approved. The Committee was also asked to consider the status of the wives of missionaries who are appointed to the Alaska Mission Conference with reference to their participation in the Conference, and report back to this meeting of the Missionary Conference. Bishop Sparks then made some remarks concerning the meaning of the action just taken.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ac Wischmeier gave the Superintendent's report. (See p.) The report was received by the Conference with thanksgiving.

Bishop Sparks introduced Dr. Thomas Tretter, Conference guest Speaker.

PROGRAM COUNCIL REPORT GIVEN

Members of the Program Council gave a multi-media report of the Council's work and proposals for the coming year. The Conference voted to give an expression of gratitude for the report and to those who prepared it.

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE REPORT

William Staats, Chairman of World Service and Finance for the Conference, presented the World Service and Finance report and it was received and referred to the Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy for its consideration.

The Tuesday afternoon session was adjourned by Bishop Sparks as he led the Conference in praying the Lord's prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

After adjournment of the business session, the Conference members attended a reception for Bishop and Mrs. Sparks and the guests of the Conference at the Conference House.

The Conference met again at 8:00 p.m. for the Memorial Communion Service. This service was led by Bishop Sparks and Ac Wischmeier, assisted by Boone White, Ernest Jones, and Robert Bowers. The list of members who had died in the past year from Mission Conference churches was read to the Conference and is printed elsewhere in this journal. Bishop Sparks read the list of Bishops and Bishop's Widows who had passed away in the past year. Dr. F. Thomas Trotter brought the message of the evening, "Faith—The Yes that is Always Yes." The Worship was concluded with the service of Holy Communion administered by Bishop Sparks and Ac Wischmeier.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1972

The Wednesday session of the Conference began with worship led by Bishop Sparks. The hymn, "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty," was sung and the Conference was led in prayer by Bishop Sparks. F. Thomas Trotter brought the meditation based upon 1st Peter 3:8ff.

The Business session was called to order by Bishop Sparks at 9:30 a.m. The Bishop announced the order of the day and that the General Conference Report would be rescheduled, since there was not time for it yesterday or at present.

Bishop Sparks called upon Ac Wischmeier to present Dr. Harvey Seifert and his wife, Dr. Seifert is speaker at the banquet this evening. He also noted that Chaplain Norsworthy of Elmendorf A.F.B. was present last evening.

Robert Bowers, Secretary of the Conference, made some procedural remarks.

Chris Chauvin, representative of Jewel Lake Parish for Wednesday, was recognized.

The Bishop expressed his thanks to Mrs. Wischmeier and her helpers for the reception given in his honor yesterday at the Conference House. He said of Mrs. Wischmeier, "You always do the things that ought to be done and you do them well."

Ac Wischmeier introduced Don Denning, Administrator of Maynard-McDougal Hospital in Nome, who addressed the Conference and gave his annual report. (See p.) The Conference voted to accept the report and print at least the historical portion of it in the Journal.

The Report of the Program Council concerning goals and objectives was handed out for consideration by the delegates.

The make-up of the Legislative Committee was handed out to the delegates.

Ac Wischmeier requested and it was approved that the order of the day for 8:15 p.m. Wednesday be the reception of the Jewel Lake Parish members and recognition of their congregation as a congregation of the Conference, with full privileges.

Ac Wischmeier presented a check of \$149.68 to the Conference from the United Methodist Publishing House as our portion of the share for pensions.

The Conference adjourned to the Legislative Committees.

The Conference remained in its Legislative Committees from 10 a.m. until Noon, recessed for lunch, and resumed Legislative Committee meetings from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The Minister's wives held their Annual Luncheon over the noon hour.

CONFERENCE BANQUET

The Annual Mission Conference Banquet was held, beginning at 6:15 p.m., in the banquet room of the Alaska Methodist University Student Center. Presiding at the banquet was Ac Wischmeier. Dr. Betsy Ewing, Associate General Secretary of the Board of Global Ministries addressed the meeting. The main speaker was Dr. Harvey Seifert, Professor of Christian Ethics at Claremont School of Theology.



**Dr. Betsy Ewing, Associate General Secretary,
National Division Board of Global Ministries**

EVENING BUSINESS SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. the evening business session was called to order by the singing of Hymn 50 in the old Methodist Hymnal, "Savior Breathe An Evening Blessing."

Bishop Sparks offered a prayer.

JEWEL LAKE PARISH IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED

The co-pastors of the Jewel Lake Parish, Thomas Whitehead and Thomas Handley, were asked to come forward. Peter Blewett, a layman from the Jewel Lake Parish, officially represented the congregation. The Jewel Lake Parish was recognized officially as a church of the United Methodist connection in a brief ceremony.

Ac Wischmeier gave a history of the Parish. Bishop Sparks made some remarks and he and Mr. Wischmeier presented a certificate of organization to the parish representatives. The Bishop closed the ceremony with prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE GOAL AND THE OBJECTIVES PROCESS BY PROGRAM COUNCIL

The Program Council, through the leadership of its consultant Richard Gilbert, led the Conference members in examining and testing the process which the Council used in arriving at a goal and objectives for the Alaska Missionary Conference for the quadrennium 1973-77. An explanation of the work done by the Program Council in the past two days was given. A sheet describing the objectives process was then handed out to the members and they were asked to spend a brief time in groups of three attempting to define what the goal of the Alaska Missionary Conference should be. At the end of the period of time various goals were shared with the entire body. The Program Council then passed out summaries of their goal and the objectives at

which they had arrived through using the process. This goal is based upon the newly adopted stated goal of the new Council on Ministry of the United Methodist Church. These were given for consideration of the total body and will be recognized at a later time on Thursday.

The Conference adjourned to do committee work after a prayer by Bishop Sparks.

RECEPTION FOR THOSE LEAVING THE MISSION

A reception was held at the home of Tom and Beverly Whitehead for Ernest and Rachel Jones, completing 9 years in Alaska and returning to Indiana; for Eugene and Carolann Walters, completing 8 years in Alaska and returning to Oregon; and for Jim and Mary Thompson, who are not leaving Alaska, but, who will be on sabbatical leave.



Ernest and Rachel Jones



Eugene and Carolann Walters

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1972

The Conference opened with a worship service led by Bishop Sparks. Hymn 12 was sung, followed by Hymn 180 after which the Conference prayed together the Collect for Purity of Heart. Dr. Thomas Trotter addressed the Conference in his final address as Conference speaker on the theme "Love—The Structure of Unity" taken from thoughts of John, Chapter 17.

The Business Session began at 9:30 a.m.

The Secretary read a letter of greeting from Walter and Ruth Warner, who formerly served in Alaska and who are retiring in the Oregon Conference this year.

Ac Wischmeier presented the report of subsidies to the Alaska Mission from the National Division during the year 1971. The report was received as presented.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ac Wischmeier, chairman of the Nominations committee, presented the report of that committee with the following changes:

1. The name of Carolyn Nicholas was withdrawn from Lay Activities and Temporal Economy because Mrs. Nicholas does not wish to serve. Mr. Jim Moore of Jewel Lake Parish was substituted.
2. Don Bolton requested that his name be dropped from the Christian Nurture Section and the name of Donna Humphreys was substituted. She is from Jewel Lake Parish.

The Report of the Nominations Committee was accepted as presented and the Nominees become the official officers and personnel of the Mission Conference for the quadrennium—1972-76. (For the complete list see p.p. 5 - 9.)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

John Shaffer reported on matters referred back to the Conference Organizational Committee after its original report on Tuesday afternoon. The Conference was referred to page 50 of the 1971 Journal, to the Petitions to General Conference, Petition 1. He presented three motions which were designed to carry out the will of the body as expressed at the point mentioned. The first motion, which dealt with institutional representatives to the Mission Conference was presented and discussed.

Institutional name changes were suggested, since two of the institutions (Nome Community Center, and Wesleyan Hospital) have undergone or will undergo name changes.

Tom Whitehead proposed amending motion 1 of the committee's report with the following: "If there is an ordained United Methodist Minister on the staff of an institution it is assumed that he shall be the voting staff member to Conference representing his institution."

Robert Terry proposed an amendment to the amendment: "that where the amendment speaks in the singular it shall be changed to the plural number, i.e. They shall be." The amendment to the amendment did not pass.

The amendment to motion No. 1 failed to pass.

David Fison proposed to amend the first motion by striking the last sentence and by substituting the following: "It is understood that travel expenses will be the responsibility of the institutions themselves where this is possible." After discussion the amendment failed.

Robert Terry proposed to amend Motion 1 of the Committee's report by striking the last part of sentence one, following the word "be" at the end of the third line and substituting the following wording: "represented by its director whether lay or clergy. If the director is not a United Methodist, he will be accorded the privilege of the floor without vote." The amendment was defeated.

The original motion of the committee was passed.

Motion number two of the report, dealing with clergy assigned by the National Division and by the Bishop to the Alaska Mission Conference was presented and was adopted as read.

Motion number three was presented concerning the representation of others living within the bounds of the mission and having relationship to the general church was presented and accepted as presented.

The Conference then took a 10 minute recess.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

After the recess Bishop Sparks thanked F. Thomas Trotter for his contribution as Conference Guest Speaker and spoke briefly of his appreciation for Claremont School of Theology in its leadership in continuing education.

Richard Gilbert brought the report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Social Responsibilities. He moved the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee on Christian Social Concerns as printed on pages 48-49 of the 1972 Conference Handbook with the following amendments:

1. Add 5.h. Ecology: development of mineral resources, protection of our animal and plant biology; harvest of forests; development of present and future Alaskan industry; use of technology in Alaska's development. Carried.
2. Add . . . 5.1. International Relationships: peace, needs of people of the 3rd world, foreign policy, United Nations, U. S. coastal boundaries. Carried.
3. Add . . . 8. the statement of Social Concerns as developed by the General Conference be ordered, circulated to all the churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference, integrated in the preaching, studied by the local congregations, and that we instruct the local congregations to bring back additional recommendations to the next Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Carried.
4. Add . . . 9. That the Alaska Missionary Conference recruit and secure (through JCMP) to fill the next 4 ministerial vacancies wherever possible, members of minority groups such as blacks, Chicanos, Indians, and women to serve as pastors of the Alaska Missionary Conference or as its Superintendent. An effort shall be made to make 25% of such positions from minority groups if possible.
A substitute amendment was proposed by Howard DeVore: "That the National Division in recruitment of personnel for the Alaska Missionary Conference seek for the most highly qualified persons for positions in Alaska with diligent search for minority groups such as Blacks, Chicanos, Indians, Japanese, and women." Failed.
The original motion was approved.
5. Add . . . 10. That the Alaska Missionary Conference seek a volunteer from among its pastors to serve as a part-time advocate-organizer in an area (to be designated by the Program Council). His job would be to become fully informed about the given area, keep churches fully informed and organized to work in the area, and to work as lobbyist and organizer in the state at large to secure favorable state action in the area." Carried.
6. Add . . . after "importance" in the first sentence of 5: "and should be supported either by financial or volunteer help of the Alaska United Methodist Church members on the local church level." Carried.

The Report of Health and Welfare Ministries was received and adopted.

The Legislative Section on Christian Social Responsibilities recommended that the Ketchikan Youth Hostel's request for \$880 from the Fund for Reconciliation be honored to the amount available, \$754.31. Carried.

The entire report of the Legislative Section on Christian Social Responsibilities was adopted.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECTION ON CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Bruce Bartel presented the report of the Legislative Section on Christian Nurture. The Christian Education Committee recommendations were considered first. A mimeographed sheet of changes was adopted by the Conference.

A recommendation was adopted ordering the Board of Ministerial Training to study and develop a plan for sabbatical leaves in cooperation with the National Division, Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference and Bishop and report back to the 1973 Annual Conference.

The Committee on Worship report was adopted as amended.

The Historical Society Report was presented and adopted as amended.

Walt Hays moved that the report of the Committee on Ministerial Training be reconsidered for further amendments. Two amendments were presented:

- 1) That the Alaska Missionary Conference commend The Reverend James Thompson for his desire to take a sabbatical leave and pledge our moral support and assistance in any way possible during the year.
- 2) That the Alaska Missionary Conference recommend Mr. Thomas Lenhart for the local preacher's license and for the on trial relationship and deacon's orders from the Pacific-Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church, pursuant to his completion of one year of theological school.

Robert Nelson gave the report of the United Campus Ministry, Incorporated.

Howard DeVore gave a report in behalf of Birchwood Camp as called for in the 1971 minutes of the Alaska Mission Journal.

Robert Terry was elected chairman of the Christian Nurture Legislative Section.

Greetings were brought from Mrs. Palmer.

Announcements were made.

Ac Wischmeier moved that the time for reconvening Conference be 1:30 rather than 2:00 p.m. Approved.

Bishop Sparks dismissed the body with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Annual Missionary Conference re-convened at 1:30 p.m. on schedule.

Walter Hayes, Jr. presented the Nome Lay Delegate, Mr. Dwight Tevuk who sang the hymn "Blessed Assurance" in the Wales Eskimo tongue.

Ac Wischmeier gave a report on the actions of General Conference and presented materials concerning these actions.

LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

John Mason presented the report of the Legislative Section on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

The Board of Pensions Report was presented with the following amendment:

"Add No. 7 . . . The pension rate for the ministers of the Alaska Mission Conference of the United Methodist Church shall be raised from the present \$50 per service year to \$52.50 per service year. This will raise the amount of funding needed from the Alaska Mission by \$1027.50, and will be reflected in the Conference Budget of the World Service and Finance Commission for 1973."

Action and debate upon the amendment was deferred until a report could be heard from the World Service and Finance Commission of the Conference.

Barbara Shaffer reported concerning the deliberations of the World Service and Finance Commission related to the previous amendment. Because of budgetary pressures, World Service and Finance failed to approve of this amendment.

The amendment failed to pass the Conference.

The Report of the Board of Pensions was accepted as printed in the Conference Handbook.

The Board of Lay Activities report was accepted with the following amendment:

"Add No. 4 . . . Since participation of Lay Persons in the Alaska Mission Conference Annual Conference is highly desirable, and since lay persons find it difficult to attend meetings that require leaving their jobs, it is recommended that the Annual Conference be held on a weekend following school graduations."

The report of Lay Activities was adopted as amended.

The Report of the Hospital Insurance Committee was approved as presented.

The Report of the Basic Salary Structure Committee was presented. It was moved to delete the report as written and substitute the following:

"The Alaska Mission Conference is requested to establish a committee composed of an equal number of lay persons and clergy, picked from the program council, to set up the criteria for self-supporting churches and define what is needed to be a self-supporting church in terms of (1) church membership, (2) pastors' salary and fringe benefits, (3) budgetary faithfulness, (4) funded programs on the local level."

The substitute was accepted.

The General Recommendations of the Commission on World Service and Finance were considered. John Mason moved that the first seven recommendations be approved with this addition to No. 7: "and that the date for it be recommended by the program council." Motion carried.

The privilege of the floor was requested for The Rev. Edmund Warne, Associate Director of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries. He addressed the Conference concerning the participation of the Alaska Mission Conference in a Conference-wide Stewardship emphasis in the Fall of 1973.

It was moved that Specific Recommendation No. 1 of the Commission on World Service and Finance be approved with the substitution of 1973 for 1972. After considerable discussion the recommendation was approved by the Conference.

Items No. 2 - 7 of the Specific Recommendations were accepted as printed in the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

The Grade Figure System was accepted as printed in Part C of the report.

The Budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1973 was adopted as printed and as revised by the Mission Superintendent on the floor of Conference on Tuesday, May 30th.

The following resolution was presented:

"Whereas the Alaska Mission has become the Alaska Missionary Conference by action of the General Conference and enters a new phase of responsibility,

"And, Whereas the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church now holding title to most of the properties in Alaska has a policy to transfer title of its properties to local churches and agencies in the field,

"Be it resolved that the Alaska Missionary Conference request the National Division to transfer title of properties to the local churches, agencies in the field, or to the trustees of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, who may be elected and incorporated according to Alaska Law."

The Resolution passed.

The pension figure of \$50 was accepted as the figure for 1973.

John Shaffer was nominated and elected as the Chairman of the Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs Legislative Committee.

The entire report of the Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Second Lay Delegate from Alaska Children's Services, Mrs. Carol Lindblad was introduced and seated by the Conference.

David Fison and Mrs. Jean Stassel gave a review of the 1972 General Conference at which they served as representatives from Alaska.

The Conference was in recess for 10 minutes.

Dr. Harry Komuro, Staff Member of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries, in charge of Alaskan work, addressed the Conference.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

James Fellers gave the report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Outreach. A presentation on the nationwide evangelistic program, KEY '73, was given by means of a filmstrip outlining the concept.

The Recommendations by the Committee on Ecumenical Affairs were presented with the following additions:

No. 6... That all United Methodist Churches participate in the preparation, planning, and programming of KEY '73.

No. 7... That a youth committee, initiated by the Alaska Missionary Conference, set up an interdenominational youth program.

The Recommendations by the Committee on Missions were approved.

Two recommendations were brought from the Section on Christian Outreach that were not in the Annual Meeting Handbook.

- 1) That we encourage the local congregations who have participated in Lay Witness Missions to share their witness with each other and with congregations that have not had Lay Witness Missions either at a weekend event or one of their own design.
- 2) We recommend that a task force composed of equal numbers of clergy, laity, and youth be set up by the program council to develop a better understanding of and define a theology of evangelism and that a report be circulated for discussion and action, if any, at the 1973 Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Both recommendations were approved as read.

Robert Smay was nominated and elected as chairman of Christian Outreach for 1973.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

William Trudeau read the following correction into the record: Substitute Nome Community Center, Inc. for Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center.

Howard DeVore spoke concerning the Ecumenical School of Christian Mission to take place August 10-13, 1972.

The entire report of the Committee on Christian Outreach was accepted.

John Shaffer presented amendments to the Conference rules:

- 1) In the Conference Handbook at page 14, f. strike "appreciation."
- 2) In the Conference Handbook at (k) Membership on the standing committees: change World Service and Finance to read, 6 lay persons, 5 clergy, and 1 institutional representative.
- 3) In the Conference Handbook at page 14, (k) Membership on Standing committees: change representation on Church Location and Building to read, South and East Section: 4 lay and 3 clergy; North and Central Section: 6 lay and 6 clergy.

All three amendments were approved.

GENERAL COMMISSIONS ORGANIZED

Ac Wischmeier led the Conference in organizing the General Commissions, which are the quadrennial Commissions which carry on the year-to-year business of the Conference.

Mrs. William (Danita) Trudeau was elected Chairman of the Commission on Christian Nurture.

Dr. Robert Terry was elected Chairman of the Commission on Christian Outreach.

Mrs. Christopher (Natalie) Brooks was elected Chairman of the Commission on Christian Social Responsibility.

John Shaffer was elected Chairman of the Commission on Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The new Conference Lay Leader, Jack Townshend addressed the Conference.

Robert Nelson announced that the Alaska Centennial Mural has been hung permanently in the Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

William Trudeau, Director of the Nome Community Center, Inc. gave an oral report of the Center's activities. (See p. 77).

Richard Gilbert gave the report of Alaska Children's Services, Inc. (See p. 73) and then explained the procedure of the Conference for Thursday evening.

Ac Wischmeier made some announcements and the Conference was adjourned by Bishop Sparks with a prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION, THURSDAY EVENING

The Session was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bishop Sparks. The Conference members sang together Hymn 259 in the Old Hymnal, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."

PROGRAM COUNCIL ELECTED FOR THE QUADRENNIUM

The Nominations Committee presented its nominations for the at-large delegates for the Program Council. Kathie Whitehead was nominated as youth member of the Program Council. Walter Hayes, Bruce Bartel, and Charles Horner were nominated as at-large members of the Program Council. Their nomination was accepted and they became members of the Program Council for the 1972-76 quadrennium.

The name of John Tindell was withdrawn from the General Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy because he is serving in the program executive spot and we need a wide spread of personnel in this important position. The name of William Trudeau was substituted and accepted by the Conference.

PROGRAM GOAL AND OBJECTIVE PROCESS APPROVED

Ac Wischmeier moved that the Goal statement worked out by the Program Council become the goal of the Conference for the 1973-77 quadrennium and that the source be printed in the 1972 Journal of the Conference. The motion was approved.

Ac Wischmeier moved that the Objective Process as outlined by Richard Gilbert and tested by the Program Council be approved as the process by which the goal of the Conference is put into action through realistic objectives. The motion was approved.

The balance of the evening was spent in working with the objective process under the guidance of Richard Gilbert. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bishop Sparks at 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1972

The Conference was in session at 8:00 a.m. with the traditional Love Feast of singing and sharing.

At 9:00 a.m. the General Commissions met to organize and to begin some work on the objectives process as outlined and tested Thursday evening.

At 11:00 a.m. the Conference met for its final session. Bishop Sparks led in a closing worship service at which he gave the sermon. He was assisted by Burt Rochan.

Prior to the Worship service some business matters were taken care of. Ernest Gillam was announced as the chairman of the 1973 Legislative Section on Christian Social Responsibilities.

John Shaffer moved the substitution of Marjorie Wooster for Marvis Nelson on the legislative committee where the name of Marvis Nelson appears. Approved.

The Report of the Committee on Appreciation was presented by John Shaffer and accepted by the Conference.

The Conference extended its thanks to Natalie Brooks for being Organist for this session of the Annual Conference.

The Conference commended the youth delegates for their service to the Conference during this session.

Bishop Sparks led in the closing worship service at which he gave the sermon.

The appointments for 1972-73 were read by Bishop Sparks and the Conference adjourned with the singing of the hymn "Rise Up O Men of God."



Bishop Sparks talking with youth delegates: David Gillam and Burt Rochan

V. APPOINTMENTS OF ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE — 1972-73

Charge	Minister	Years in Position
Superintendent	Ac C. Wischmeier	(4)
Anchorage		
Anchor Park	Robert Bowers	(2)
Anchorage First	Boone White	(1)
East Anchorage	John Tindell	(3)
St. John, Bay Shore West, Girdwood & Hope	David Fison	(1)
Turnagain & Jewel Lake Parish	Thomas Whitehead	(3)
Director of Religious Education and Youth Work — Jewel Lake Parish, Trinity United Presbyterian, Turnagain United Methodist	Richard Morrison	(1)
Chugiak	L. Eugene Groves	(4)
Fairbanks	Howard DeVore	(1)
Homer, Anchor Point, Seldovia, Ninilchik	Keith B. Wise	(1)
Juneau - Douglas Larger Parish		
Douglas	John J. Shaffer	(3)
Juneau	John J. Shaffer	(4)
Kenai United Parish		
Kenai—Church of the New Covenant	Bruce Bartel	(2)
North Star	James R. Fellers	(4)
Soldotna	James R. Fellers	(3)
Ketchikan	Charles Horner	(3)
Nome	Walter L. Hays, Jr.	(2)
Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing		
Gary Lueck		(4)
Sitka	Donald Hartman	(3)
ON SPECIAL APPOINTMENT (Appointed to Serve in Alaska But without Annuity Claim on the Conference)		
United Campus Ministry	Robert Nelson	(4)
Exec. Dir. Alaska Children's Services, Inc.	Richard Gilbert	(8)
Professor of Religion and Philosophy, A.M.U.	Richard R. Gay	(13)
Director, Nome Community Center	William Trudeau	(3)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MINISTERIAL LISTS

A. LICENSED LAY PREACHERS

Emanuel, Samuel Paul . . . Anchorage First Charge Conference
 Holthaus, Gary . . . Kenai Parish Charge Conference
 Lenhart, Thomas . . . Chugiak Charge Conference
 Shepard, Miss Beatrice . . . Juneau Charge Conference

B. RECOGNIZED MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

Lenhart, Thomas . . . Garrett Theological Seminary



A Legislative Committee in Action

VII. REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ACTIONS OF THE 1972 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A. Reports and Recommendations of the Boards and Legislative Committees

1. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Natalie Brooks, Chairman

1. Report

In the fall of 1971 the three area chairmen, Tom Whitehead, Carol Ann Walters and myself, met for a planning session. In October I sent out a newsletter which included the recommendations adopted at Annual Meeting. I received detailed responses from four people. In November I sent a copy of a letter sent by Chugiak Children's Services concerning Conference Compromise Child Care Bill to all on the mailing list. In December Tom Whitehead sent a letter to all United Methodist churches asking them to pick an area of service and report back. Most churches are receiving John Shaffer's Legislative Newsletter which is sponsored by the Alaska Christian Conference.

At the Program Council meeting February 11, 1972, \$1200 from the Fund for Reconciliation was voted to be allocated to Chugiak Children's Services, Inc. for a Day Care Center. I have been president of this newly-formed non-profit corporation for the past year and it has been my personal area of Social Concern. It has been immensely rewarding to participate in the beginnings of a good Day Care Center but also very time consuming and the reason I have not followed through on my newsletter obligations.

2. Recommendations for 1973

Statement of Concern

Recognizing that all persons are children of God, we would express our concern for all of humanity. Christian Social Concern means simply Christian love in action. We are called to be "men for others." Just as the needs of humanity are many and widely varied, so our ways of meeting these needs must be broad in scope and flexible. Recognizing our own limitations, we will try to concentrate on a few areas of concern and sensitize our congregations and ourselves to the needs of others.

Goals

1. An attempt will be made to send a monthly newsletter to inform Alaska United Methodists of issues and to suggest specific helps to work area chairmen.
2. To set up a phone network to keep United Methodists informed of current legislative action and other current issues.
3. All work area chairmen and pastors to receive the Legislative Newsletter of the Alaska Christian Conference.
4. There will be an emphasis on local response to local needs.

5. The following are suggested as areas of concern that are of special concern to Alaska Methodists and should be supported either by financial or volunteer help of the Alaska United Methodist Church members on the local church level. Included are some of the components of each area.

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| <p>a. Mental Health
mental health clinics
family counseling
private psychiatric services
Alaska Psychiatric Institute
Suicide Prevention
legislation for more
preventive facilities
Mental Health Association</p> <p>b. Drug and Alcohol Concerns
study material available
resource people
(inc. Alcoholics Anonymous,
former addicts)
Halfway Houses
drug situation in local
communities
Council on Alcoholism</p> <p>c. Child Welfare
Family Day Care Homes
early childhood education
Day Care Centers
state laws concerning children
child abuse and neglect
Alaska Children's Services
4 C's (Community Coordinated
Child Care)
adoption and foster care</p> | <p>d. Alaska Natives
needs of Natives in urban
cultures
study of Native background,
culture, history, etc.
Welcome Center</p> <p>e. Crime, Prisons, Probation, Rehabil.
Alaska laws concerning the above
prison facilities and conditions
judicial system; court overload
ministry to inmates
"Partners" project</p> <p>f. Poverty, Welfare
low income housing
starvation in Alaska
job training, vocational
rehabilitation
state and federal programs
(OVR, WIN, Head Start, etc.)
guaranteed annual income
special problems of the aged</p> <p>g. Racism
extent of the problem in Alaska
groups with solutions
(EEO, NAACP, Human
Relations Comm.)</p> |
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h. Ecology

development of mineral resources
protection of our animal and
plant biology
harvest of forests
development of present and
future Alaskan industry
use of technology in Alaska's
development

i. International Relationships

peace
needs of people of the 3rd world
foreign policy
United Nations
U.S. coastal boundaries

6. A weekend training session early in 1973 in Anchorage for Social Concerns area chairmen with the following format:

- a. Several speakers on different areas of concern. For example, Alaska Children's Services, Alaska Federation of Natives, Community Action, Department of Health and Social Services, Alcoholism Council.
- b. Study of larger areas of concern as in "Statements '71"
- c. Biblical basis of social action; social action in the history of the church.
- d. Forms of expression and action in social concerns.
- e. Training in defining problems and finding resources.
- f. Emphasis on lay activity.

7. Utilization of Pastor's School and School of Missions as an opportunity for information on concerns.

8. The Statement of Social Concerns as developed by the General Conference be ordered, circulated to all the churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference, integrated in the preaching, studied by the local congregations, and instruct the local congregations to bring back additional recommendations to the next Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

9. The Alaska Missionary Conference recruit and secure (through JCMP) to fill the next 4 ministerial vacancies wherever possible, members of minority groups such as Blacks, Chicanos, Indians, and women to serve as pastors and in other positions as are filled by direction of the Alaska Missionary Conference or its Superintendent. An effort shall be made to make 25% of such positions from minority groups if possible.

10. The Alaska Missionary Conference seek a volunteer from among its pastors to serve as part-time advocate-organizer in an area (to be designated by the Program Council). His job would be to become fully informed about the given area, keep churches fully informed and organized to work in the area, and to work as lobbyist and organizer in the state at large to secure favorable state action in the area.

11. Recommend the Ketchikan Youth Hostel's request for funds to the Committee for the Fund for Reconciliation.

B. HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES

Carol Ann Walters, Chairman

1. Report

A statewide community service directory is being compiled by A.C.C.A. (Alaska Crippled Children and Adults). They have a limited budget and are happy to accept our donation voted at Annual Meeting.

2. Recommendations

1. Support chaplains' programs in local hospitals.
2. Support FISH.
3. Study the COCAHNIA report for information on areas of need in Alaska and suggested plans of action.
4. Establish study groups on National Health Insurance plan.
5. Learn of health facilities available in Alaska; find out their needs; be a volunteer.

C. ACTION MODELS FROM ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

CHUGIAK—Chugiak Children's Services, Inc. formed to continue running Head Start and begin a Day Care program. Chugiak United Methodist Church minister and social concerns chairman are on the Board of Directors. Chugiak Children's Services received a grant from the Fund for Reconciliation which enabled the Center to continue to exist. Chugiak Children's Services also sponsored an Adult Basic Education class in the church and participated in the Work Incentive Program.

TURNAGAIN—

- ... FISH—The Chairman and 25% of the volunteers are from Turnagain.
- ... Worked on the teen-age hot line.
- ... Successful cultural exchange with the CME Church.

JUNEAU-DOUGLAS—

- ... Bergmann Hotel—a facility for the elderly run by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones. United Methodists helped with Christmas party and presents; donated a TV; helped with sewing, transportation, reading material, etc.
- ... Family Planning, Inc.—outgrowth of a conservation program in Douglas United Methodist Church. Provided a therapy clinic.
- ... Youth Hostel—only one in Alaska. Used Juneau United Methodist Church building.
- ... FISH—church members participate.
- ... Community Center—a recreation program for elementary school children once a week. Juneau United Methodist Church provided the place, most of the supplies, all of the leadership.
- ... HIS PLACE—run by "Jesus People," cooperative relationship with all Juneau churches.
- ... Rehabilitation Program—Several persons helped the parents of a brain-damaged child by volunteering to do household chores, etc.

KETCHIKAN—

- ... Day Care Center.
- ... Drop-in Center.
- ... Con II—coffee house in church basement.

NOME—Involvement with the Community Center Program.

FAIRBANKS—Head Start uses the church building.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—Workshops on Welfare, statewide—utilized leadership from Alaska Children's Services, Department of Health and Social Services, and National Welfare Rights Organization.

2. CHRISTIAN NURTURE

A. EDUCATION

Danita Trudeau, Chairman

1. Report

As in all areas of our Alaska Mission Conference church life, the Education Task Force looks back at both success and failure. The writing of the annual report provides a good opportunity for honest evaluation of our work this past year.

First, we would like to thank several members of the staff of the Board of Education for time which they spent in Alaska.

1. Miss Louise Davis provided able assistance in camping during early summer of 1971 in both the Juneau and Anchorage areas. She also spent some time with us in a vacation church school workshop, day camping, and at Jesse Lee Home in Anchorage.
2. Clifford Kolb, Jr., editor of REAL in our youth curriculum, traveled throughout the state in November, both assisting youth groups and their adult workers and providing a good listening ear to some of the unique problems we face in Alaska. As a sideline, he conducted informal workshops for teachers of children in several places. Cliff visited with youth and adults from each Mission church. He led weekend training sessions in Juneau and Anchorage. At Birchwood, 25 youth and adults gathered for a weekend working on Youth Ministry. These workshops were aimed at the following goals:
 - a. to experience a sense of Christian community.
 - b. to identify some concepts and understandings about Youth Ministry.
 - c. to be exposed to resources for Youth Ministry settings.
 - d. to develop skill in program planning and goal setting.
 - e. to have planned, taught, and evaluated a session.
 - f. to have been exposed to the Youth Service Fund.
 - g. to gain insight into the role of adults in Youth Ministry.
3. Roy Ryan, Director of Middle Adult Ministries, visited several places in Alaska in October. He gave helpful leadership in workshops on small groups, adult curriculum materials, and the Council on Ministries.

Once again the Christmas Youth Convocation was an ecumenical success. Held this year in Ketchikan, it provided the one strong bond of our educational work in Southeastern, aside from the regular camping program. The Southeastern task force didn't ever really get moving. This must be a goal for the future if we are to improve our church education in these scattered communities.

In the central area of the state there were two outstanding church school training opportunities available this past year. Following the annual School of Mission, Jim Simpson, Master Teacher for the United Presbyterian Church, conducted a day-long ecumenical training event. It was well-attended, and we offer our continuing appreciation to Jim and to the Presbyterians for sharing his time and talent. In late April a vacation church school workshop was held in Anchorage, directed by Beverly Bowers and Rachel Jones. Some 25 teachers had a chance to preview materials as well as observe a variety of activities related to these units.

The main activity in Family Ministries during the past year was the Family Camp at Birchwood. Seven families enjoyed the glorious 4th of July weekend in the camp setting. There were nature walks, discussions, much swimming, a craft table especially enjoyed by the children, banner making, family olympics, campfire singing, boating, etc. Highlights this year were:

1. Our nature expert, Louise Davis of Nashville, opening our unseeing eyes to the wonders around us.
2. Carol and Sam Lindblad of the Alaska Children's Services Receiving Home leading discussions on family life and bringing the children from the home to share with us one afternoon.
3. "Celebrate," a resource book for camping families that each family used in its quiet time together.
4. Sharon Strode, a summer volunteer from Illinois, helping with crafts.
5. A work project during which a sign was begun.

Altogether, it was a time of refreshing relaxation and renewal for families.

Christian Education Sunday was observed on September 26. Suggestions for highlighting the day and Christian Education Week following it were sent to all the churches. A notable result was the largest offering for Christian Education in the Alaska Mission in recent years: \$477 (after expenses), as compared to \$227 in 1970 and \$203 in 1969.

Programming was expanded, buildings were improved, and camp facilities were upgraded through the energetic and dedicated services of six youth work teams that came to Alaska from outside last summer. A team from Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, worked with the church and community center in Nome. Greencastle District, South Indiana Conference, sent a high school team to East Anchorage. A senior high group went to Homer and Seldovia from the Des Moines, Washington, United Methodist Church. Trinity United Methodist Church in Bradenton, Florida, fielded a mixed high school and college team that worked in Sitka. The Southeastern Alaska Methodist Camp north of Juneau was the scene of labor for a high school group from First United Methodist Church, Pasco, Washington. The Central Illinois Conference sent a senior high-older youth group to work in the Kenai Parish, Moose Pass, and the Turnagain-Trinity-Jewel Lake Parish. (You can read their story in the February, 1972, *Interpreter*, pp. 17-19.)

Only a few additions of new items have been made to the Audio-Visual library this year, due to budget limitations. Major effort was given to the production of a new catalog, with discarding of outdated materials. With the combining of the United Presbyterian and United Methodist headquarters, the combined Audio-Visual libraries are now available to all members. A supplement to the catalog, listing items added since the catalog was printed and correcting some errors, will be issued soon.

The University of Alaska campus at Fairbanks continues to be the only student center in which Methodists are actively engaged in a campus ministry. Talks have been held looking toward establishment of a United Campus Ministry at the Anchorage educational center with the consortium of Alaska Methodist University, the University of Alaska—Anchorage, and the Anchorage Community College.

Packets of resource and guidance materials have been sent to local church education work area chairmen and age-level coordinators.

Because of a family death, the basic training tapes for church school teachers are not yet completed. They will be available by August for use either by groups or individual teachers. To get them, you may contact either the Mission Office or Danita Trudeau.

Looking ahead, we are quite pleased to announce that Jon DeVore of St. John Church, Anchorage, has been selected as one of fifteen high school seniors to participate in a United Methodist Youth Study-Travel Seminar this summer. Jon will leave Anchorage in late June to spend six weeks in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh with the seminar group, which is sponsored by the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

Summer service projects will bring a youth team from the Druid Hills United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, to work in the Juneau-Douglas parish program. Another team from First United Methodist Church, Seattle, will be working in the Kenai Parish. Correspondence has been started with several groups who hope to come to Alaska next year, and one application has already been processed from a group that plans to come in 1974!

Observation-Laboratory training events for Councils on Ministries and Administrative Boards will take place in October. Miss Aileen Sanborn and

Dr. Wayne Lindecker of the Board of Education staff will conduct these training sessions in Southeast Alaska and in the Anchorage area from October 12-22. In conjunction with this training there will also be some follow-up workshops in youth and adult ministries.

We are looking for ways to include our Alaskan churches in a program of training for local church leadership in small congregations that is taking place nationwide. The training may be included in the programs listed just above, or presented as a separate event in 1973.

Interpretation and training for the use of the forthcoming adult study series, "Our Living Bible," will be made available in time for its use in September, 1973. We have proposed that a staff person come to do this in a one-day session in conjunction with the 1973 annual meeting, but it may be included by Dr. Lindecker in his visit in October, 1972.

2. Recommendations

In making program and budget plans for 1973, we recommend several areas of emphasis along with the program of continuing educational work.

1. Beginning in the coming year, we recommend a three-year rotation of age-level emphasis, starting with stress in the area of children's work. We would hope that during 1973 every local church might have the benefit of a training event for church school and children's workers.
2. In addition, we recommend the mailing of available printed resources in this field.
3. The Area Task Forces must be organized and functioning by September 1, 1972, and that enough financial resources be made available that they can become more effective.
4. Develop a summer service project for Alaskan youth with a budget item of \$200 and delegate this responsibility to the Program Council of the Birchwood Camp.
5. Ask each church to recommend a youth delegate for nomination to the Annual Meeting. The Committee on Reference and Counsel (under present system) would make the final selection.
6. Promote interest in the Youth Service Fund by making "SHARE" available to all youth.
7. Schedule sex education seminars for junior high youth, parents, and adult leaders.
8. Encourage the Anchorage-Kenai Peninsula area youth to hold a South-central Youth Convocation during 1973 Conference Year.
9. Develop a comprehensive Alaska Mission camping report form to gather and preserve uniform and relevant data on church camping activities in Alaska.
10. That we commend the staff and Board of the United Campus Ministry at Fairbanks for their work with the students and staff of the university on behalf of the United Methodist Church, that we continue our support of the ministry of U.C.M. in Fairbanks, and that we encourage the Board of Missions to continue their support of U.C.M. as a part of the ministry of the Alaska Missionary Conference.
11. That we continue our participation in the Ecumenical Committee working towards the development of a campus ministry among the university campuses in Anchorage, that we actively seek sources of funding from local churches, conference, national boards, and private sources to help underwrite our share of such a campus ministry here in Anchorage.

12. That we encourage those pastors in the mission, where community colleges are located, to direct program and time to these students, that they might continue, or be attracted to the message which the church has to offer.
13. That United Methodist Student Day be observed on Student Recognition Day 1973, and that a special offering be taken on that day.
14. Plan an audio-visuals preview, including layment as well as clergy, to consider a number of audio-visual resources and make recommendations to the Audio-Visual Chairman for purchase for the library. Such a preview could be held at the School or Mission, or before or after the Pastor's School.
15. We recommend that the local church calendar include the following special observances and events:

1972

June - July	—Camping: Southeast, Birchwood, Harding Lake
August 10-13	—School of Christian Mission
August 27	—Church School Promotion Day
September 17	—Ministry Sunday
September 24-30	—Christian Education Sunday and Week
October 12-16	—Sanborn/Lindecker Training events—Southeastern (Council on Ministries, Administrative Board, Youth and Adult Ministries)
October 17-22	—Sanborn/Lindecker Training—Anchorage Area
October 29 - November 5	—Youth Sunday and Week
December 31	—Student Recognition Day United Methodist Student Day and Offering

1973

February 11	—Human Relations Day
May 6	—Children's Day
May 6-13	—National Family Week
May 13	—Festival of the Christian Home
June - July	—Camping: Southeast, Birchwood, Harding Lake
August 26	—Church School Promotion Day
September 16	—Ministry Sunday
September 30 - October 6	—Christian Education Sunday and Week
October 28 - November 4	—Youth Sunday and Week
December 30	—Student Recognition Day United Methodist Student Day and Offering

16. Recommend that Commission of Nurture of the Alaska Missionary Conference give support to I.C.Y.E. and include reports of these community projects in the 1973 Journal.

B. WORSHIP

Piroska Lueck, Chairman

1. Report

This past year we had one great event take place. In October of 1971, Pastor William H. Ritchey of Yakima, Washington, conducted worship workshops across Alaska. Mr. Ritchey held the workshops in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, Juneau, and Ketchikan. The workshops embraced the philosophy of contemporary worship, the planning of a worship experience, and the actual worship experience. These workshops were sponsored jointly by the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church and the Alaska Council of Churches. They were very meaningful and worthwhile experiences for all the churches and people involved.

2. Recommendations

We propose that in the coming year individual congregations take full advantage of the many excellent materials now available for the enrichment of worship. The Worship Committee may distribute pertinent information and materials to the churches from time to time.

We recommend that the worship services at the Annual Missionary Conference be planned by, and under the leadership of the Worship Committee.

C. TELEVISION, RADIO, AND FILM COMMISSION (TRAFCO)

Bruce Bartel, Chairman

1. Report

TRAFCO is concerned with the areas of television, radio, and films as they are of use in the ministry of the church. To say that there is a vast wealth of material here is an understatement.

Presently in Alaska Don Hartman at Sitka and Walt Hays at Nome are well involved in these media. Don has been presenting the "Word and Music" program weekly on radio, and in addition, has been the host for a weekly television program. He had special success with a program on "Jesus Christ Superstar," and through it, was able to expand his ministry to Juneau television. Walt has been working in radio, too, and he has also been involved in using full-length motion pictures as a means of ministry. Others in the Mission have also been using films quite effectively.

A listing of current TRAFCO material is available from the TRAFCO chairman. It includes radio and television spots, radio programming such as "Word and Music" and "The Place," and movie resources.

D. ALASKA MISSION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Bea Shepard and Claudia Kelsey
Co-Chairmen**

1. Report

History, of itself, has never done anything, but it often influences individuals and institutions in what they attempt and accomplish. To ignore history is more than merely disregarding sweet sentiment. Knowledge of what has gone before may give essential insights into what lies ahead.

Much work has been done throughout the lifetime of the United Methodist Church in Alaska in the preservation of records and information about the Mission. Records of the earliest days have been faithfully kept, pictures and narrative accounts of many of the earliest workers in the Mission are available. Daily newspapers from as far back as the early 1900's displayed exceptional interest in, and approval of, the activities of the local churches of all denominations. Microfilm records and other invaluable sources of information, plus handy equipment for recording pictures and printed materials in the State, local, and University libraries, contribute to the ease, economy and excitement of compiling what has gone before. But as so often happens, the compiling, recording, and saving of records has been spasmodic and unsystematic, and interested persons in one part of the state are unaware of what is being done on the subject in other parts. It would be of great value and interest to all in the Alaska Missionary Conference if all that has been done in the past in this field could be brought together and put into some organized form.

In the 1940's and 1950's, some effort was put into gathering together items of historical significance to the Alaska Mission and its constituent churches and agencies, to be placed in the "Archives" at Alaska Methodist University. One of the objectives of the chairman of the Alaska Mission Historical Society should be to determine the whereabouts of this material, make a list of what is there, and if additional space is available, to add other materials to it.

In 1958, the Historical Committee, under the chairmanship of Leah Hattrick, compiled an invaluable listing of Alaska Mission Annual Meetings, Presiding Bishops, host churches, as well as a chronological listing of all churches and pastors to that date. We believe it would be desirable to build upon this outline and produce an informative historical booklet about the Mission, devoting one or two pages—with pictures—to each existing, and formerly existing, Methodist church.

The co-chairmen of the Alaska Mission Historical Society were privileged to attend the Quinquennial meeting of the International Methodist Historical Society in August of 1971, which was held in Denver in connection with the World Methodist Conference. Much information of historical importance to Methodists was presented, including a memorable address by Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Bristol, England, on "The Women in John Wesley's Life". The Society was reorganized to make membership available to all interested individuals and the name was changed to World Methodist Historical Society.

In connection with the condemnation of the church property in Juneau to make room for expansion of state office buildings, a search has been made for historical information related especially to the beginnings of the church, which coincidentally relates also to the beginnings of the Alaska Mission and other churches in Alaska. Information compiled was summarized in a one-sheet informational letter, with pictures of the original building, built in 1904, and of the ministers who were members of the first Annual Meeting, held in Juneau in 1904. This letter was given wide distribution to members and former members of the Juneau church, as well as throughout Alaska and to interested persons in the "South 49".

A historical tea was held in the church social room on April 22 at which time all historical records, pictures, clippings and other items were displayed for interested persons of the Gastineau Channel area.

We are aware that a project of recording historical materials is under way in the Nome church. We hope to receive information on this and other projects to report to members of the Annual Meeting in the following quadrennium.

2. Recommendations

The following recommendations are made for activities of the Historical Society of the Alaska Mission for the Quadrennium 1973-1976:

For the Alaska Mission Historical Society:

1. Locate, organize, index, copy, and make arrangements (if necessary) for safe storage of historical materials of the Mission and of local churches and other institutions in the Mission.
2. Prepare and distribute a summary booklet, with pictures, portraying the history of the Alaska Mission and of the local churches and institutions presently, and formerly, in the Mission.

3. Prepare and distribute a historical newsletter (no oftener than twice a year).

For the local churches:

1. Appoint at least one historian to be an active member of the Alaska Mission Historical Society.
2. Collect all old church records and historical items and store them together in a safe place.
3. Compile a summary of the history of the local church.
4. Prepare a one-sheet (one or both sides) summary history of the local church, preferably with pictures, to be compiled in a booklet on the history of the Alaska Mission.
5. Forward copies of above information and any information of interest on either local or Alaska church history (not confined to Methodist) to Chairmen of Alaska Mission Historical Society for use in historical newsletter or booklet.
6. A locally designated person should be appointed in each charge to make a project of taping interviews with living pioneers to preserve them as historical documents and to forward copies of them to the chairman of the Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society.

E. MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Gary Lueck, Chairman

1. Report

The activities of the Board of Ministerial Training were confined to the Pastors' and Wives' School. The school was held February 9-11 at Birchwood Camp.

Robert L. Browning, professor at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, conducted the study sessions. The theme developed by Dr. Browning was "Communication: among the ministers, with wives, with parishioners, and with God." The theme was developed on both a theoretical and a practical level.

An added input was given by Dr. John Picton, president of Alaska Methodist University. Dr. Picton gave an inclusive picture of the current status of A.M.U. and his hopes for the future.

A total of twenty-eight ministers and wives participated in the school. It ended on a note of joy and oneness in Christ.

2. Recommendation

We recommend that the Committee on Ministerial Education in cooperation with the National Division, the Bishop and Alaska Mission Conference Superintendent develop a plan for sabbatical leaves and report to the 1973 Annual Conference.

3. CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

A. EVANGELISM

Charles Horner, Chairman

1. Report

This has been a busy and active year for Evangelism in the Alaska Mission. Several churches have participated in Lay Witness Missions. For some the Lay Witness Program has turned out to be, "The greatest thing that ever happened to our church." For others the program has not seemed to meet

the need of the particular congregation or at least the majority of the people in a particular congregation. At the time of writing, Sitka has just finished a Mission which was a good experience for those who participated, but which was not supported by a good portion of the congregation. Anchor Park and Turnagain United Methodist Churches in Anchorage are currently making last minute preparations for Lay Witness Missions.

Most assuredly the Lay Witness Program will continue to be a vital part of our program of Outreach and Renewal as we move toward the great year of Evangelism called "Key 73."

For some of our churches, the small group movement and emphasis have been a source of continuing amazement as these groups, as well as individuals, have grown in their response to God's love as it has been revealed in the concern and support of their fellow group members. One of our churches currently has five small groups functioning. This church has felt a definite sense of renewal through this emphasis. Still other churches have moved in the direction of the Ecumenical Institute programs and have seen a new dimension of growth and committed discipleship take place because of this program.

The Ecumenical Institute led a Parish Leadership Colloquy at our Birchwood Camp. Several of our United Methodist pastors and lay leaders attended. This might very well be one of the major happenings of the church year.

Most certainly it is becoming increasingly apparent that, although the Holy Spirit is indeed moving in many diverse ways, there is a definite movement of the Spirit in the Alaska Methodist Mission.

In January of this year I attended the National Council of Evangelism in San Francisco. This meeting was directed toward preparing the leaders of evangelism for the "Key 73" program.

There is no way that I can express my great disappointment in our National Board Leadership. However, I am strongly convinced that the Holy Spirit is not about to be stymied by the poor caliber of leadership from our National Board. A spirit of renewal can indeed take place through the format of the "Key 73" program, if individual churches, Community Church Councils and denominational groups really work to make 1973 a key year in their programs of Witness and Outreach.

In October of 1972 there will be a regional meeting of Evangelism Leaders from the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest. It is my sincere hope that this group will be able to do some good and creative programming for programs of evangelism which will speak to the people who live in our areas.

Our participation in the "Key 73" programs is of growing importance to all Alaska. As the March meeting of the Alaska Christian Conference Executives, I was named as the Conference Task Force Leader for this area which is to be the major emphasis of the Christian Conference for the coming year. I am both thrilled and awed by the possibilities which this presents.

One thing above all else seems evident to me at this point. If "Key 73" is going to have any real or positive significance among the churches of the major denominations in Alaska, it is going to be because of the strength and solidarity of United Methodist leadership. To this end, the following men have been asked to serve as "Key 73" area leaders in their respective areas:

Bob Bowers	Greater Anchorage Area
Jim Fellers	Kenai Area
Don Hartman	Southeast Alaska
Howard DeVore	Central Alaska
Walt Hays	Nome Area

"Key 73" materials are being channeled through these men, and they will be carrying the front line responsibility for the "Key 73" program. However, it will remain the real responsibility of all of our churches to provide the very best of their leadership and their very best efforts during this year of preparation as we look forward to "Key 73."

2. Recommendations For 1973

- 1) That we encourage the local congregation who have participated in Lay Witness Missions to share their witness with each other and with congregations that have not had Lay Witness Missions either at a weekend event or one of their own design.
- 2) We recommend that a task force composed of equal numbers of clergy, laity, and youth be set up by the program council to develop a better understanding of and define a theology of evangelism and that a report be circulated for discussion and action, if any, at the 1973 Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

B. MISSION

Betty DeVore, Chairman

1. Report

At an African potluck one Sunday afternoon in August at Old Umtali we heard a black Methodist confess, "We appear to be happy, smiling people on the outside, but we are weeping within because of the suffering we must endure." Though made on the isolated grounds of a Methodist Mission Station even that was a dangerous proclamation. It was doubly serious because the speaker was one of only sixteen men representing over four million blacks in a white controlled Rhodesian Parliament where fifty represent only 300,000 European descendants and have succeeded in regressing from the status quo to apartheid policies second only to South Africa.

Visiting the Rhodesian Parliament a few days before, we heard the same black Methodist plead for the induction of black men into the armed forces. Strange indeed! But Parliament knows it would be a dangerous course for government security to train any blacks to use small arms. A few months later in the city of Umtali, government police killed eight blacks demonstrating against the proposed British-Rhodesia settlement which would offer independence at the price of continued black enslavement.

Liberty and democratic reform was the issue that our Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa risked discussing openly with the Palmer Seminar knowing that informers might be in his own ranks and jeopardize what little freedom of movement was left to him. Risking retaliation, surreptitiously the Bishop left the land they call "Zimbabwe" to put the tragic situation before British officials, the United Nations Security Council, and the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. He has returned to Rhodesia where he continues to lead our church at great hazard to his own life.

This is only one of the fateful scenes in Africa today that makes relevant the 1971-1972 study of "The New Generation in Africa." The School of Christian Mission ecumenically sponsored by this Work Area of Mission, The Alaska Women's Society of Christian Service, Presbyterians, American Baptists, Disciples of Christ and Congregationalists held classes October 8-10, 1971 on the AMU campus with ninety-nine registered participants.

Instructors were Rev. Dale Sarles, Valdez Episcopalian; Mrs. Fred Stassel, Alaska WSCS president; and Howard and Betty DeVore in the Africa courses. Miss Ann Eaton, Regional WSCS staff, and Mrs. Garlyn Warren of AMU's

faculty taught, "New Machines and New Humanity;" and Rev. James E. Simpson, Presbyterian Master-Teacher Consultant of Seattle, used the Gospel of Matthew to demonstrate teaching methods. John and Barbara Shaffer of Juneau, who were with the DeVores on the Palmer African-Holy Land Seminar, served as resource persons for the school.

The purpose of the School of Christian Mission as we have defined it is, "personal enrichment of individuals and training of persons from the local church carrying responsibilities for mission and mission study." Success with the latter may be seen in the large number of African Programs and Schools held across the state in local churches and may be attributed partly to the unusual number of resource persons within Alaska. Barbara Shaffer coordinated a business trip to Nome with a School of Mission that included her presentation as one of four Sunday Night programs. John Shaffer addressed several groups in Juneau and traveled to Ketchikan and Sitka for Africa Programs. Howard DeVore devoted four Sunday Mornings to Africa at St. John, assisted in planning and presenting the African School of Mission at Anchor Park, led one of the Africa Nights at First Church Anchorage, and shared his experience with East Anchorage families. Betty DeVore has led programs and held classes in Kenai, Fairbanks, Palmer and Anchorage at First Methodist, East Anchorage, St. John, and Church Women United. Suzanna Wischmeier Wells also toured Africa in 1971, assisted in the school and held programs in Seward. Also, the study of the Gospel of Matthew has taken place in a number of Alaska churches.

2. Recommendations For 1973

Ask an Indian About India is Blaise Levai's approach to understanding for the course, "India: Six Million People" in interviewing peasants and Prime Minister. Miss Murden Wood of San Francisco and the Regional Staff of WSCS will join Rev. Warren Crain, an Anchorage American Baptist in utilizing Levai's book and other resources on India for the 1972 Alaska Ecumenical School of Christian Mission August 10-13. At the same time, Rev. John Shaffer of Juneau and Rev. Charles White, a Presbyterian of Onalaska, Washington, will launch their classes an "Faith and Justice" with Loren E. Halvorson's **Grace At Point Zero**. Rev. Thomas Whitehead will lead the study of **Doorway to a New Age**, James D. Smart's treatment of Paul's letter to the Romans. Also, Rev. James Simpson will be back to share, "Twenty-one Ways to Use the Good News." Sponsored ecumenically it also bears the endorsement this year of the Alaska Christian Conference.

The Africa emphasis will carry over in the itineration of a Rhodesian Missionary known to many Alaskans for her service at Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital in Nome. Barbara Wilson and two other missionary nurses from our Mutambara Mission will be available to speak in local churches in October 1972.

Therefore, be it resolved that United Methodist Churches of the Alaska Mission be engaged in mission in 1972 and 1973 by:

1. Inviting itinerating missionary Barbara Wilson to speak in each church insofar as schedule will permit.
2. Providing travel assistance to be matched by the Program Council budget for one adult and one youth who will train at the annual School of Christian Mission for leadership in mission study and action.
3. Presenting to each charge conference through the office of the superintendent the program of Advance Specials as they relate to:
 - a. The current World and National needs especially as defined by the mission studies on Africa, India, and "Faith and Justice."

- b. The Alaska needs as served by:
Alaska Children's Services (Jesse Lee Home)
Alaska Methodist University
Nome Community Center, Inc.
Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital (Nome)
Wesleyan Nursing Home (Seward)
United Campus Ministry at Fairbanks
United Campus Ministry at Anchorage
Birchwood Methodist Camp
Southeastern Alaska United Methodist Camp
Mission supported local churches

4. Encourage Alaska United Methodist Missionaries to participate with the Department of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions, in interpreting Alaska through the medium of sending three "missionary letters" each year to selected Methodists across the country who may support the World Service and Advance Special Programs.

C. ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

Ruth Popejoy, Chairman

1. Report

Delegates to the Alaska Council of Churches meeting in Anchorage in January, 1972, voted to dissolve the A.C.C. and form a new organization called the "Alaska Christian Conference," adopting a constitution drawn up by a Restructure Study Committee which had been working on it for two years under the chairmanship of U. M. layman, Amos J. Alter. The new structure includes practically the same ecclesiastical units as the former one, but a new unit has been added, namely, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. Under the new constitution, membership is permitted to individual churches or even to interested individual persons. This certainly makes for much more flexibility and ecumenical witness and is desirable in many ways. What it will mean in terms of influence of the corporate group on important issues in Alaska is not clear as the more diverse the group becomes, the less likely it will pass on controversial issues unless there is unanimous approval. There is, indeed, provision for dissent under the new constitution, but the possibility of acting quickly as a unified voice of the churches when an important piece of legislation comes up is not very probable. Perhaps this will be resolved as specific committees are developed.

The legislative newsletter was continued for another year, with U. M. pastor John Shaffer as editor. He is to be commended for his well edited and succinct reports. The Newsletter is a very important tool for education and information of church members in Alaska.

The U. M. Church in Juneau is embarking on a new venture in ecumenism in May, 1972. This historic church, which has stood on the same corner for 67 years, now finds itself in the path of increased governmental expansion. The State of Alaska has condemned the property for demolition and subsequent building of a state court building. Rather than search for a new location and erect an expensive new building, the members decided to accept the invitations of the Douglas U. M. and Northern Light Presbyterian churches to join them on a parish basis. Intensive study will be made by a committee selected from all three churches to determine the exact form of union which will evolve after 1972. We look forward to this new venture of faith in ecumenical action.

2. Recommendations For 1973

1. That each local U. M. church continue to sponsor activities among the laity for study and discussion which foster understanding with other faiths.

2. That we commend studies of COCU which have taken place in Sitka, Anchorage and Juneau (and any other places not known to the reporter), and we urge continued examination of the COCU plan by all U. M. churches.
3. That each church in the Alaska Mission have a pulpit exchange with a COCU affiliated church during 1973, on COCU Sunday if possible. We commend especially the example of Turnagain U.M. and C.M.E. churches in carrying this plan out in April 1972.
4. That recommendation of the National Commission of Ecumenical Affairs be seriously considered by each local parish: to offer opportunities for interim Eucharistic fellowship among Christian churches.
5. That the leaders (lay and clergy) of the three ecumenical parishes involving Methodist Churches meet early in the summer at the call of the district superintendent and/or other administrative heads in the Anchorage area to discuss mutual problems and programs and that transportation mileage costs be allowed out of the budget of Ecumenical Affairs for not more than \$50.
6. That all United Methodist Churches participate in the preparation for, planning of, and programming for KEY '73.
7. That a youth committee, initiated by the Alaska Missionary Conference set up an interdenominational youth program.

4. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

A. LAY ACTIVITIES

Bill Searby, Chairman

1. Report

Laymen of the Alaska Mission are actively involved in all facets of the church's life and ministry. Although our work area can only meet during the caucus at Annual Meeting, I have had opportunity to express the views of laymen in my position on the Mission Program Council and as a member of its executive committee.

The Lay Witness movement has had a tremendous impact on some of the churches of the Mission. Laymen of these churches have given generously of their time, talent, and resources in their preparation and follow-up on these missions. We see a renewed interest in prayer, Bible study and small sharing groups and the emergence of a group of laymen and youth from our churches that can give public witness to their faith.

We can be justly proud of these areas of growth. I'm sure we can look forward to a greatly broadened vision of the scope of lay ministry in the Alaska Mission.

I have enjoyed serving as Lay Leader of the Alaska United Methodist Mission and look forward to service in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

2. Recommendations

The following resolutions are offered as guidelines for the improvement of the ministry of the laity in the United Methodist Churches of Alaska.

Be it resolved:

1. That each local church provide at least one opportunity for the membership to hear the report of the lay delegate to the Annual Meeting.
2. That the leadership of each local church continue to give primary emphasis to the enabling of the new structure of United Methodist Church during the coming conference year with emphasis on the regular meeting

and decision making function of the Council on Ministries. With present day church problems, special emphasis should be given to stewardship, which is now part of the Program Council.

3. That the Board of Lay Activities promote stewardship emphasis as a continuing activity throughout the year as a means of increasing membership participation within the local church. To this end we encourage local churches to use the "Stewardship of Time and Ability" emphasis developed by the General Board of the Laity.
4. Since participation of Lay Persons in the Alaska Mission Conference Annual Conference is highly desirable, and since lay persons find it difficult to attend meetings that require leaving their jobs, it is recommended that the Annual Conference be held on a weekend following school graduations.

B. BOARD OF PENSIONS

Eugene Groves, Chairman

Recommendations For 1973

1. To the General Board of Pensions and the Division of National Missions that all ministers entering the Alaska Mission during the coming year, 1972-73, be included in the Ministers Reserve Fund.
2. We recommend that the personal contributions made by each minister to the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund:
 - a. Be on the basis of 3% of the average salary of the Annual Conference in which he holds membership, and
 - b. Beginning with all such personal contributions made on and after July 1, 1970 to his Income Annuity Account, together with all interest credited therein, shall be available at the time of his retirement, or to his beneficiary should death precede retirement, as either additional annuity above the effective pension rate or as a lump-sum refund in lieu of additional annuity.
3. That the Death Benefit Program provision of the Board of Pensions be again applied to the Alaska Pension Program at an annual cost of \$75 per member.
4. That should any surplus develop after payment of MRPF, Death Benefit Program, and Clearinghouse, such surplus shall be deposited to the Stabilization Fund of the Pension account of the Alaska Mission.
5. That amounts available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the distribution from the Methodist Publishing House be used for current budget purposes and excesses deposited to the Stabilization Fund.
6. The Alaska Mission will need \$6,186.50 for its pension program for 1973, based on 16 ministers worked out as follows:

The MRPF is based on an average salary of \$5,000.

16 Ministers—each \$500 = \$8,000.

The Mission Superintendent is funded entirely by the National Division.

Alaska Mission Share:

$1/3$ of \$350 = $\$116.66 \times 16 = \$1,866.56$

$1/2$ of 150 = $75.00 \times 16 = 1,200.00$

\$500 \$3,066.56

\$3,066.56

Death Benefit Program $\$75.00 \times 16$

1,200.00

Non-funded payments for claimants with

1,920.00

Alaska service

\$6,186.56*

TOTAL ALASKA MISSION RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1973 \$6,186.56

*The figure may increase or decrease depending on deaths or retirement service years in Alaska for men retiring after June 1, 1972, now being funded.

C. COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE,

Eugene Groves, Chairman

1. Report

Various insuring possibilities were explored (United Benefit Life, Blue Cross, New York Life Employee Protection Plan, and HMEP (our present program)).

HOSPITAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT

Eugene Groves, Chairman

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ITEM	UNITED BENEFIT LIFE	BLUE CROSS	NEW YORK LIFE	HMEP
Life Insurance	5,000	none	5,000	none
Hospital Room & Board	\$50/day up to \$10,000 maximum	\$60/day up to 70 days	\$70/day up to \$12,000 max.	\$25 deductible Next \$225 paid 75% of everything over that up to the max. of \$7500/illness or accident
Doctor Call in Hospital	\$5/call up to \$1,000 max.	According to their schedule	According to schedule up to \$1,050 plus major medical up to \$15,000 at 80% they pay	Same as above
Other Hospital Charges	1st \$1,000 then 75% up to 200 days (\$25,000 major medical)	All (according to their schedule)	All of 1st \$750. 80% thereafter	Same as above
Intensive Care	As covered above	All except blood, artificial kidney, oxygen & administration, X-ray	\$140/day intensive care, \$35/day convalescent care up to max.	Same as above
Maternity				
Normal Delivery	\$300	\$100	none	\$150
Cesarean	\$600	\$150	only as covered under surgical procedures	\$250
Miscarriage	\$150	Full emergency & ectopic		\$ 75
Surgical (Surgeon)	From \$30-\$600 according to schedule	According to schedule up to \$1600	up to \$1050	Same as first box above
Assistant Surgeon	See schedule	20% of surgeon	up to \$157.70	Same as above
Anesthesia	20% of surgical with \$80 limit	According to schedule	up to \$210	Same as above
Supplemental accident	\$300 for medical expenses in body injuries accident	\$100	80% up to max. of \$15,000 \$100 deductible	Same as above except \$50 yearly deductible total
X-ray & Lab	Actual costs up to \$75/year	\$100 Excluding teeth, eyes, physicals, pregnancy	Same as above	Same as above

Narrative Explanations of the various programs:

UNITED BENEFIT LIFE

1. Major Medical: \$25,000 life time limit/illness. \$1,000 automatic restoration each year up to limit. \$100 deductible for each illness or injury. 80% of all illness up to limit. Covers the following:
 - a. hospital
 - b. surgical
 - c. other (Hospital outpatient, physician, nurse, physiotherapist, ambulance or transportation to closest hospital that provides required service, additional services or drugs, such as x-ray & lab, oxygen & rental equipment, blood plasma, other equipment, artificial eyes, arms, etc., dental services in connection with accident, and psychiatrist up to \$15/day for 50 calls per year.
 - d. pregnancy complications
 - e. common accident for 2 or more, one deductible
 - f. extended insurance
 - g. Pre-existing condition (under major medical, no treatment for 30 days before)
 - h. Not covered: teeth, hearing, eyes, cosmetic surgery, alcoholism and only specified pregnancy, mental disorders, nursing and no unnecessary charges.
2. Cost \$47.64 per month

BLUE CROSS

1. Must use participating Alaska/Washington Hospital (any hospital in all other states).
2. Not covered: a. food poisoning, b. dentistry, c. eye exam or glasses, d. self-inflicted injury, e. occupational accident, f. war injuries, g. prior coverage accidents, h. diseases or injuries except those from accidental sources.
3. Also not covered: a. Workmen's Comp. & liability or governmental hospital, b. hospitalization for other than illness or accident, c. teeth, except when hospitalized, d. health resorts or rest homes, etc., e. war, f. sterility or fertility services, g. glasses, hearing aids, h. cosmetic surgery, i. non-hospital mental, psychoneurotic and personality disorders, j. non-participating Alaskan or Washington hospital.
4. Illness benefits renew either after return to work one day or 90 days after leaving hospital. Accident benefits renew upon discharge from hospital. Hospital out-patient service covered.
5. Surgical at \$8.00/unit up to \$1600 for surgeon, 20% of basic surgical allowance, or 7 units for assistant surgeon. Anesthesiologist at \$8.00/unit plus one unit for each additional 15 min. Doctors visits up to \$8.00/day for non-surgical and non-maternity condition to reach hospital eligible day.
6. Cost \$39.74/month for husband & wife, \$46.88/month whole family.

NEW YORK LIFE PROTECTION PLAN

Additional Medical Expense Benefit, 80% of costs up to maximum of \$12,000. Reimburses 80% of covered charges in excess of the sum of benefits provided under any basic benefit plan (as defined in the policy) and the calendar Year cash deductible of \$100 of covered charges. Maximum for all illnesses due to the same or related causes, under the SUPPLEMENTARY MAJOR BENEFITS is \$15,000.

Cost Varies according to age of the man, from top of \$90.09/mo. to a low of \$49.56/mo., with a 23% reduction in a part of this cost after the first month (23% of \$79.49 at the top to 23% of \$46.66 at the bottom).

**HOSPITALIZATION & MEDICAL EXPENSE PROGRAM,
BOARD OF PENSIONS (Travelers)**

1. Accident or Sickness
Maximum payment, \$7,500/accident or illness
 - a. \$25 for hospital and surgical charges
 - b. \$50 for other covered medical expenses
 - c. Total deductible for one cause shall not exceed \$50 in any one benefit
Amount payable after deductible
 - a. 100% of first \$2255 hospital and surgical charges, then 75% of such additional charges
 - b. 75% of all other covered medical expenses
 - c. 50% of expenses for psychiatric treatment if not hospitalized
 2. Maternity (Caesarean delivery included in above, not in maternity)
Maximum payment
 - \$150 normal delivery
 - \$250 extra-uterine delivery
 - \$ 75 for miscarriageDeductible amount—none
Amount payable—100% up to maximum
 3. All reasonable charges for medical care and treatment, including
 - a. Hospital services including room & board and other charges
 - b. Care by duly qualified physician
 - c. Care by trained nurse (not local relative) if prescribed by physician
 - d. Emergency transportation for one trip to and from hospital
 - e. Prescribed drugs and dressings
 - f. Rental of iron lung, wheel chair and other similar equipment
 - g. Oral surgery services
 - h. X-ray and laboratory examinations
 - i. Radiation therapy
 - j. Charges for anesthesias and its administration
- IMPORTANT: Keep a record of all medical expenses incurred, including copies of physicians' and druggists' bills and receipts.**
4. Expenses not covered
 - a. Charge for private room accommodation in excess of the hospital's regular semi-private room rate
 - b. Charges for dental care, eye refraction, eye glasses and hearing aids unless resulting from an accident

1. Recommendations For 1973

1. It is the considered opinion of this committee that the best buy for the money is still the Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program of the Board of Pensions (Travelers). Second choice would go to United Benefit Life, Option D, which includes life and accident insurance at roughly \$10/month more. New York Life EPP and Blue Cross are tied for third. New York Life would have been second if the medical costs would have been the same for all, but they vary from \$46.66 to \$79.49, depending on age, plus life insurance costs, (minus 23% after the first month). Blue Cross is an insurance adjusters paradise with schedules for everything.
2. We recommend that the Annual Meeting authorize the inclusion of full-time (30 hours or more per week) lay employees of local churches, United Methodist institutions or the Mission Office in our hospital Insurance plan if they so desire and if the employee meets the requirements of the insurance program. The effective date of the group initial enrollment shall be July 1, 1972.

D. BASIC SALARY STRUCTURE COMMITTEE Eugene Groves, Chairman

The Alaska Mission Conference is requested to establish a committee composed of an equal number of lay persons and clergy, picked from the Program Council, to set up the criterion for self-supporting churches and define what is needed to be a self-supporting church in terms of (1) church membership, (2) pastor's salary and fringe benefits, (3) budgetary faithfulness, and (4) funded programs on the local level.

E. COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Bill Staats, Chairman

1. Report

Your Commission on World Service and Finance met on March 24 at the Mission House Conference Room and conducted hearings on the proposed 1973 budget. In preparation of the budget, we have given careful consideration to the anticipated apportionments which will be coming from the General Conference, the instructions of the Annual Meeting, the requests of the Mission boards, commissions and committees.

We commend the Program Council for the careful and difficult task they performed in presenting a coordinated program budget. We are pleased that we can recommend a slightly increased budget for them for next year.

1972 has again been a very difficult budget year due to the reduction of National Division support starting January 1, 1972, of \$16,000 due largely to the drop of Advance Special support. The Mission rose to the emergency and every church in the Mission accepted their increased pro-rate asking.

The 1971 Annual Meeting voted to increase the base salary support for pastors from \$5,500 to \$5,800 plus the equivalent cost-of-living index. Every church in the Mission was able to assume its full increase in pastoral support except one, and this church is making every effort possible to do so during the year. The churches are to be commended in their genuine effort to underwrite their increased budget askings. Since 1972 is the year for increasing the base salary, it means that the Mission made no advance in assuming a larger share of self-support. This is the task which we hope to accomplish in 1973.

It was good news from the National Division that they are trying to hold the line for 1973 and not ask the Alaska Mission to cut its budget, and thus have to reduce its missionary staff by another person. This is making possible money to accomplish several other needed projects in the Mission for the year 1973, as you will note in the recommendations for our new budget.

Your Finance Commission is recommending to the Annual Meeting a budget of \$45,692, which is an increase of 7% over the 1972 budget of \$42,703.

2. General Recommendations for 1973

- a. We remind and require "all agencies receiving financial support from conference benevolences or from any other authorized conference-wide appeal shall make audited reports to the commission concerning all receipts and disbursements thereof in such detail and at such times as the commission may direct." (page 900, Book of Discipline).
- b. We commend those boards and organizations who did early budget preparation, and recommend that all requests for funds be submitted to the commission at its pre-conference meeting.

- c. We recommend that the 1971 concluding statistics be the figures used to produce the 1972 grade point figures for all items of the budget and that total members be the membership figures. Total members should include Associate Members.
- d. We recommend that the Alaska Mission office mail quarterly report of all monies appropriated and received to the following: the National Division, the Bishop, the appropriate local church personnel.
- e. We recommend that items A, B, C of the Mission budget be placed on the grade figure system of determining apportionments to each local church in the Mission.
- f. We recommend that all cash balances revert to the general funds of A, B, C of the Mission budget 15 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- g. We recommend the vigorous support through the Advance of all the United Methodist institutions in Alaska. We further recommend the observance of a Methodist Institutions in Alaska Sunday and that the date for it be recommended by the program council.

Specific Recommendations

- a. We recommend that the churches cooperate in securing the services of the Department of Finance and Field Service when planning a debt reduction and budget crusade in the fall of 1973. We recommend that each local church conduct a vigorous education program in the stewardship of life. The proven vehicle for increasing the stewardship of finances is the Every-Member Visitation, and we strongly urge each local church to use whatever resources necessary to work toward a successful EMV. We request that the Committee on Reference and Counsel nominate a task force to coordinate the campaign and to allocate the necessary funds.
- b. We recommend that the Mission newsletter include samples of materials to assist local churches with their financial programs.
- c. We recommend that the apportionments set by the Council on World Service and Finance and transmitted to the Mission be accepted for the 1973 calendar year.
- d. We gratefully commend the churches of the mission for their faithful and regular payment of all apportionments.
- e. We recommend that \$2,500 from unexpended Benevolence Reserves be used to assist in funding the budget and for stewardship education.
- f. We recognize that changing priority in the National Division requires the acceptance of increasing financial responsibilities on the part of the Alaska churches and, therefore urge the aggressive development in increased local financial support.
- g. We recommend the 1973 Alaska Mission Journal carry the breakdown of ALL the funds expended by the National Board in the Alaska Mission. The list would include such items as salary supplementation, administrative cost of the Mission Office, moving costs, furlough costs, insurance on church properties, travel, etc.

Grade Figure System

Your grade figure was derived by the following formula:

Grade Figure equals Membership Grade Figure plus Local Expense Grade Figure.

Membership Grade Figure equals Total Church Membership divided by Total Alaska Mission Church Membership.

Local Expenses* Grade Figure equals Individual Church expenditure divided by Total Local Expenditure of all Mission Churches.

*Local expenses include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvement and benevolences), church school administration, materials, and supplies, and locally paid portion of the pastor's salary and travel expense.

5. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. Constituting Actions of the Alaska Missionary Conference

1. Pursuant to the action of the 1972 General Conference, we recommend that the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church be dissolved and that we be convened as the Alaska Missionary Conference and that such steps as are necessary to achieve this be taken during this meeting.
2. We move that the institutions and agencies now related to the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church shall be full members of the Alaska Missionary Conference and that each be accorded no more than two voting delegates. These would be:
 - Alaska Children's Services, Inc.
 - Alaska Methodist University
 - Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital
 - Nome Community Center, Inc.
 - United Campus Ministry, Inc., centered in Fairbanks
 - Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc.These persons will be seated in 1972, if they are able to be present at the missionary conference, at their own expense. Financial arrangements shall be made by the Program Council and Commission on World Services and Finance in the future.
3. Moved that the right to membership on General Commissions, Boards, Committees, and other working groups of the missionary conference, up to 1/3 of the membership, would be available to representatives from institutions and agencies of the Alaska Missionary Conference.
4. We recommend that the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries use the concept of an undesignated block grant appropriation to the Alaska Missionary Conference for all purposes in the State of Alaska.
5. We move that these actions be communicated to the National Division of the Board of Missions, with the request for continued guidance and the request for a formal consultation with the other missionary conferences as soon as possible after 1972 Jurisdictional Conference, with a request for confirmation of the plans which will be possible.
6. We move that the wording of the Rules of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference will be changed to reflect the new legislation of this year's Annual Meeting and of the 1972 General Conference.
7. Any United Methodist ordained minister appointed by the National Division and by the Bishop to serve within the boundaries of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be a member of the Alaska Missionary Conference. At no time shall clergy representation exceed lay representatives. These persons will be seated in 1972, if they are able to be present at the missionary conference, at their own expense. Financial arrangements shall be made by the Program Council and Commission on World Service and Finance in the future.

8. The following shall be seated in the Alaska Missionary Conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote: lay pastors who are in charge of pastoral appointments; lay home missionaries, both men and women, related to the Board of Global Ministries; and deaconesses serving within the bounds of the Missionary Conference. By authorization of the AMC, national workers may be given the same privileges, as well as pastors of ecumenical parishes, administrators of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist ministers who are not otherwise delegates to the Alaska Missionary Conference.

B. Actions Related to the Goals and Objectives of the Alaska Missionary Conference, 1973-77

1. OBJECTIVES PROCESS ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE JUNE 1972 TO JUNE 1973

GOAL:

To establish measureable objectives for the work of the Alaska Missionary Conference and all its program units for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1972 and ending on May 20, 1977.

PROCESS:

A. DEFINITION OF OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

1. Discussion in the Program Council and establishment of tentative goals and objectives. Monday, May 29, 1972.
2. Presentation of tentative goals and objectives to the legislative body of the Annual Meeting. Wednesday, May 31, 1972 for revision, adoption.

NEXT THREE STEPS ARE SIMULTANEOUS PROCESS

B. DEFINITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE SUB-GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

1. Work session on objectives-setting and preliminary evaluation. Friday, June 2, 1972.
2. Continued work on objectives.
3. Preliminary report to the Program Council with tentative measurable objectives for mid-year meeting of the Program Council. About January, 1973.
4. Critique by the Program Council and return to the General Committees
5. Final proposed objectives of the General Committees available to congregations by April 1, 1973 for feedback.

C. REPLICATION OF THE PROCESS IN ALL PROGRAM UNITS.

D. PROGRAM COUNCIL FINALIZES ITS OWN OBJECTIVE-SETTING PROCESS (Jan. 1973)

E. ADOPTION OF FINAL QUADRENNIAL OBJECTIVES

1. General committee sessions to modify and finalize proposed objectives. Prior to Annual Meeting 1973.
2. Presentation of quadrennial objectives of the general committees, the program units and the Program Council to the Annual Meeting.
3. Consideration on the floor.
4. Revision and final adoption of quadrennial objectives by June 1, 1973.

F. OBJECTIVES PROGRESS REVIEW.

1. Each year (1974, 1975, 1976) of the quadrennium each General Committee, the Program Council and the Annual Meeting will review progress on established objectives.
2. The Annual Meeting (1977) will conduct a final review.

2. A GOAL FOR THE AMC AND TENTATIVE OBJECTIVES

GOAL

The wholeness of the Gospel is manifest in the totality of the church. God, Creator, Redeemer, Savior, and Life-Giver summons the church to mission in the world. The aims of this mission are:

1. To witness in all the world, by word and deed, to the self-revelation of God in Jesus Christ and the acts of love by which God reconciles all people to Himself.
2. To evoke in them the personal response of repentance and faith through which by God's grace they may find newness of life in righteous, loving relationships with God and their fellowmen.
3. To bring them together into a Christian community for worship and fellowship and send them into the world as servants in the struggle for justice and meaning.
4. To respond to the given unity of God's people and to the needs of the world, and to advocate and work for the unity of the Christian church in every aspect of the church's life.
5. To reveal in ministry the love of God for all men and to manifest the healing of the Gospel to those who suffer.
6. To move all people to live in awareness of the presence and lifegiving power of God's Holy Spirit, in acknowledgement of his rule over earthly history and in confident expectation of the ultimate consummation of his purpose.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a model comprehensive training experience for the lay leadership of one local church in each of three years (a total of three churches): one in lay leadership skills, one in witness and one in social action and to measure the results of the training.

RESOURCES: \$1,000 per year for material, consultants, travel, etc.

2. To establish time — limited Growth Groups in the churches, insitutions and agencies of the Alaska Mission by June 1974 and an additional 60 Growth Groups by June, 1977.

RESOURCES: A person who has had and can lead group experiences and funds for his travel and for materials.

3. To initiate a political involvement project that would involve one member of every United Methodist family in Alaska in one political party precinct meeting by December 1976.

RESOURCES: None except those available in most local churches.

4. To pledge that all new programs of the Alaska Missionary Conference will be undertaken in an ecumenical context. Whatever we do as a missionary conference we will try to do ecumenically.

RESOURCES: None.

5. To choose one critical, unalleviated area of human suffering and, in the name of the church, mount one quality effort to alleviate it that would cost us no less than 20% and no more than 50% of the available resources of the Alaska Missionary Conference by January 1975.

OBJECTIVE FOR ADOPTION: That the Program Council, each of the general committees and each program unit conduct a goal and objectives-setting process for its work. To be complete by and submitted to the Program Council by its' mid-year meeting. (See explanation of tentative objectives process for detail).

B. The Mission Conference Superintendent's Report

Ac. C. Wischmeier

Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, members and friends of the thirty-first session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission, the fifth Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Church, and the first meeting held since General Conference granted us the privilege of being a Missionary Conference. Legislation has been prepared to officially dissolve the Alaska Mission and constitute us as a Missionary Conference. This is a bold, new step. By taking advantage of the new General Conference permissive legislation, we will be able to include Alaska Children's Services, Nome Community Center, Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Nursing Home, and Alaska Methodist University with representatives in the Missionary Conference.

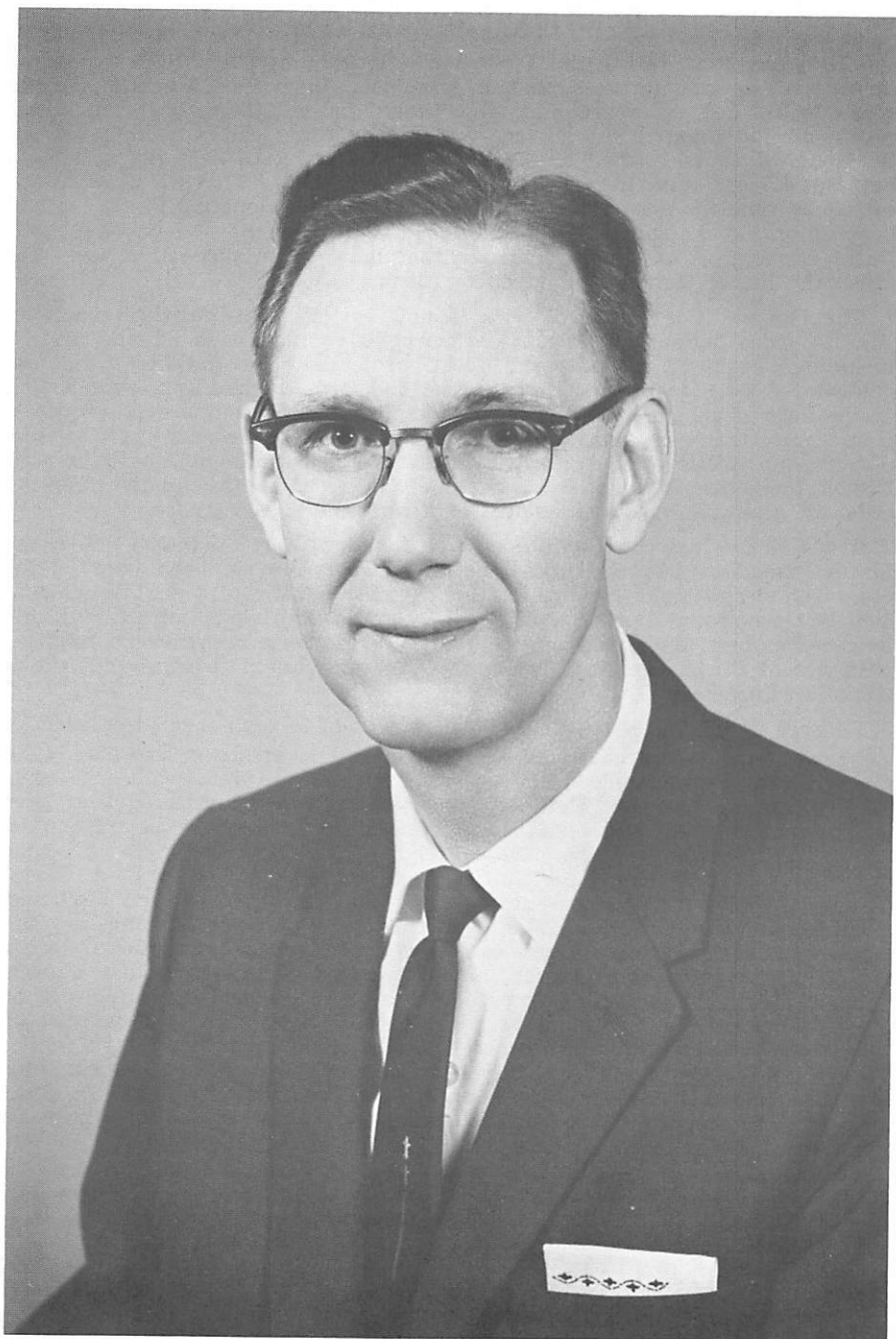
All of United Methodism's interest and investments in Alaska will be combined in the oneness of the Alaska United Methodist Missionary Conference. The National Division still remains a partner with us, but considerable responsibility will be shifted from the New York City office to Alaska. Today we graduate from the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church to our new responsibility as the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church.

We regret that this is the last session that Bishop W. Maynard Sparks will preside over us before his retirement this July at the Western Jurisdictional Conference held in Seattle. You have won our hearts, and we are most grateful to you, Bishop Sparks, for your warm interest, wise council, and willingness to give of yourself to be of service to us in Alaska since January, 1971.

We are indeed grateful for the continual guidance and encouragement given the Mission by Dr. Betsy Ewing, Dr. Harry Komuro, Rev. Albert S. Adams, Dr. Bernard Cook, and Miss Betty Letzig. After many years of service, first to the staff of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the National Division of the Board of Missions, and now for a number of years the staff of the Service Unit of Special Ministries, Albert S. Adams will be retiring July 31. We will all miss his concerned guidance to church mortgage and property. Thanks, and best wishes to you and your wife. A special word of thanks to our Mission Office secretary, Gretchen Dombecki.

The missionary personnel of the Alaska Mission has been reduced this summer by one family with the Leo Cramers last June. With the reduction of \$15,000 missionary subsidy for 1971 we eliminated the full time position of Program Director. This year John Tindell and Ernest Jones, on a part-time basis carved out from an already full-time assignment, have given splendid leadership as directors of the Program Council. Early last summer we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Donald Denning as Don became the administrator of Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital. On July 26, 1971, Walter Howard came to make his home with James and Fay Fellers.

We were saddened last summer with the news of the accidental death of Larry Stassel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stassel, and extended our love and concern to them as we did the same on the death of Irene Wischmeier's mother, Mable Leech, on October 2, 1971, David Fison's mother on January 8, 1972, and Danita Trudeau's father, Harold Nelson. Our love and best wishes go to Rachel and Ernest Jones as they complete nine years of service in the Mission and are returning to South Indiana Conference for appointment, to Carolann and Eugene Walters as they complete eight years of service and are returning to the Oregon-Idaho Conference for appointment, and to Mary and James Thompson as they apply to the Pacific Northwest Conference for a year's sabbatical leave. They will be making their home in Homer, Alaska.



**Ac. Wischmeier, Superintendent
Alaska Missionary Conference**

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

They say that during the First World War humorist Will Rogers came up with a "solution to the submarine problem:" He proposed heating up the ocean to 212 degrees Fahrenheit. That would parboil the U-boats and their crews, forcing them to the surface where they could easily be rounded up. Someone, of course, asked him how you were going to heat the oceans so hot. But Rogers, with his devastating wit, was ready. "That's a detail to be solved by someone else; I just make policy." Policy—sometimes it is hard to keep up on the changes. As Mission Superintendent let me review some significant happenings and policy changes that have taken place this year that affect the life of United Methodism in Alaska.

1. The General Conference of 1972 is now history. The decisions made in Atlanta were indeed significant, affecting all vital areas of the church including structure, doctrine, and social principles. For the first time two delegates from Alaska, Mrs. Fred Stassel and Rev. David Fison, were seated on the floor of the conference without vote. The conference approved proposals from the women's organizations to merge the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild into a single national unit known as United Methodist Women. I have already referred to the far-reaching decision of granting Alaska the status of a Missionary Conference.

2. The Alaska Christian Conference was founded in late January when the State Council of Churches dissolved in order to broaden the base of the organization and make it more flexible. A most significant breakthrough was achieved when the Roman Catholic Diocese at Fairbanks joined with the former members, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, American Baptists, Disciples of Christ, and the American Lutheran Church to form the Alaska Christian Conference.

3. Several significant ecumenical steps forward have been taken this year.

- a. Jewel Lake Parish chartered a provisional membership in mid-May, 1971, with forty-six people from twenty-five separate families. Since then bylaws for the new Methodist-Presbyterian larger parish church have been developed, and on March 10, 1972, the Presbytery of the Yukon officially recognized the new church; we Methodists will do the same Wednesday. On May 7 the church issued a call to Rev. Richard A. Morrison, a Methodist minister now serving the New Hope United Methodist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan, to serve as director of education and youth work for the larger parish which includes Jewel Lake Parish, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Turnagain United Methodist Church. Rev. Morrison is now being processed by J.M.C.A. and if cleared will be under special appointment by the National Division to be appointed by Bishop Sparks with concurrence by the Presbytery of the Yukon.
- b. On December 14, 1971, the Superior Court of the State of Alaska granted the request of the State of Alaska for the condemnation of the property of the Juneau United Methodist Church across the street from the State Capitol. With this action the oldest church building that is still in continuous use will come to an end. On July 19, 1904, the cornerstone of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church of Juneau, Alaska, was laid by Bishop John W. Hamilton who had come from San Francisco to hold the first Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Alaska.
- c. It has been a pleasure since July 1, 1971, to share the Mission Office with Rev. Gordon Corbett, Associate Synod Executive of the Alaska Office, The United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Synod of Washington-Alaska. A shared sign in bold letters outside the office entrance reading "Alaska Mission" and a shared receptionist inside symbolize the close objectives our two denominations have in Alaska.

- d. Our ecumenical "presence ministry" on the campus of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks is now well established, and we commend Dr. Robert Nelson and Sister Judith Morin for their splendid team ministry. A similar cooperation ministry continues to be explored for Anchorage Community College, University of Alaska Senior Division, and Alaska Methodist University, but no workable plan has been formulated due to a lack of adequate funding.
 - e. Alaska Children's Services, Inc. has completed twenty-one months of operation under their new working agreement between the Northern Baptists, Lutheran Youth Center, and Jesse Lee Home. There was some indication that the American Lutherans would withdraw, but at the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Children's Services on May 10, the Lutherans pledged their permanent support. This was good news. For me the most inspiring report of the evening was given by Robert Fulton, a Methodist Community Organizer, as he told of his experimental work at Unalaska and the establishment of the Illiluk Family Service (Illiluk is the Aleut name for Unalaska rather than the Russian) a native operated corporation. Bob expects to work himself out of a job by January 1, 1973, as he trains natives to continue the work.
 - f. Two other interesting developments . . . The Religion and Race Commission has given tentative approval for a \$12,000 grant for funding the Toksook Bay Arts and Crafts Cooperative for one year if they can secure other funds to assure the project's success. This would be an experiment to try to establish a year round industry for the Toksook Bay natives to supplement their seasonal fishing income. The Religion and Race Commission also has before it a request from the Bering Strait Native Association for a grant-loan of \$25,000 to help them establish the necessary corporation to qualify for the Native Land Grant Settlement. The United Presbyterian Synod of Washington-Alaska and the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska have made generous grants and loan to Native Associations needing help in the areas of their major native ministry.
 - g. Rev. Ray Baines, National Ombudsman for American Indians and Natives related to the United Methodist Church, visited Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau-Douglas, Anchorage, and Nome May 10-19. He and Homer Noley, Indian Field Representative for the National Division Service Unit of Special Ministries, will be back in Alaska this summer for an in-depth study on how we can more effectively relate to the native population in our Methodist and ecumenical work. Several challenging proposals are now under consideration.
4. The Nome Community Center traces its history back more than half a century; but, like many groups, a new thrust and direction has become the order of the day. The Methodist Church's involvement in the Center today is designed to "make possible" community planning and action for meeting of its own needs. The fifteen member board, eighty per cent native, now assumes responsibility for program development and direction.

At present the Center is operated under funds made available by the State of Alaska, the City of Nome, and the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church; also the Fund for Reconciliation. The funds have been expended to develop programs in three major areas: development of a community recreational program, alcoholism treatment and service to families with alcohol problems, and the establishment of an activity center for teens. A major new thrust has been recommended by the Annual Meeting for the development of facilities and programs to meet the needs of Nome's senior citizens. A special effort will be made to deal with problems in housing, nutrition and meals, and transportation. It is a primary aim of the Center to enable planning and program direction by the people for whom the services are performed.

A new cooperative relationship between the Nome Community Center and the Nome United Methodist Church has developed wherein the Church and the Community Center can make maximum use of the physical space of their buildings to carry on their work to best serve the community.

5. In a few days Wesleyan Nursing Home, Incorporated in Seward will have completed its new addition which will give the hospital a total of sixty-four beds. Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital at Nome has had a good year under the guidance of its new administrator, Donald Denning. A new clinic renovation has just been completed, many inside improvements made, the exterior of the building was painted at a cost of \$13,500, all of which was donated by the National Division. Through the Office of Economic Opportunity funds were obtained through help from the Alaska Federation of Natives of Norton Sound Health Corporation to purchase new radiology equipment amounting to approximately \$40,000. The new Director of Nurses, Miss Gentry Johnson, is making fine progress in organizing nursing procedures and job descriptions, but we still have not been able to secure our own doctor to replace Dr. Won Chung. The medical needs are being met by two Public Health Service physicians and, on a standby basis, by Dr. Daniels, a Clinical Director of N.S.H.C. The hospital operated in the black again this year.

6. This, our second year of Lay Witness Missions, has seen a significant development of lay witnesses within Alaska. We have yet to produce our first coordinator, but that should come soon. Missions this year have been held at Juneau-Douglas, Elmendorf, Sitka, Anchor Park, and Turnagain. Under the leadership of Chuck Horner we are gearing up to participate in a variety of ways in "Key 73." If anything happens in your church or area one thing is sure—the initiative must come locally.

Another year, twenty-one churches, seventeen missionary families, worked for a year, and our net membership gain for 1971 is twenty-six less than last year for a net gain of twenty-three members. I am very aware that this gain could easily have been wiped out with further cleaning of the rolls. Statistics do not tell the entire story, but I am convinced we have not measured up to our evangelistic responsibility and opportunity.

7. Two young men have committed themselves this year to the Christian ministry and have been recommended by their local churches to be granted their licenses to preach. Tom Lenheart, manager of the Anchorage Hertz Rent-a-Car Agency, was recommended by the Chugiak Church and will be appearing before the Pacific Northwest Conference in June requesting an on-trial relation in June, 1973. He will be attending Garrett Theological School this fall.

Bruce Botelho, now serving two years of alternate service for his country, was recommended by the Ketchikan Church. He is a graduate of Willamette University and was president of his senior class. He is presently serving on the Ketchikan Church staff and has been largely responsible for establishing of "Con III," Ketchikan's only coffee house, in the basement of the church. He also has given leadership in establishing the Ketchikan Drop-In Center. Its home is in the Eagle and the Raven. Two lay people from the Lutheran, Catholic, and Methodist Churches make up the organizational board.

8. It was possible to winterize Birchwood Camp last fall with a gift of \$15,000 from Reese Lamb from his newly established foundation and \$3,000 from the Episcopal Missionary Diocese of Alaska. A toilet-shower house and new caretaker's residence have also been constructed. With year-round use of the camp, Birchwood has now been incorporated and bylaws adopted. The Board of Directors dealing with property and maintenance matters are United Methodists, but the Program Directors operate with ecumenical representation.

Four years ago a summer work team from the Greencastle District of the South Indiana Conference worked at the new developing East Anchorage Church and Birchwood Camp and presented the camp with \$1,000 to build a shower house. It was not until this summer that sufficient funds were on hand to carry out the project. Last summer, Rev. Raymond Rhoda, who brought the Greencastle District team four years ago, brought another team that worked a month at East Anchorage. As they were leaving they presented the Mission Superintendent the keys to their twelve passenger Chevrolet van to be used in the work of the Mission in Anchorage. They also presented ten sleeping bags before they flew home. Our thanks to the good people of the Greencastle District. Last summer Alaska was host to six work teams, and we are looking forward to four teams for this summer.

9. As I travel the state it is encouraging to witness how many of our churches have been able to invest themselves in projects outside the four cozy walls of the sanctuary—day care centers, coffee houses, drop-in centers, teen homes, teen recreational centers, senior citizens centers, etc. The Juneau United Methodist Church has provided the only chartered hostel in Alaska and is faced with relocating its splendid program due to the State's condemnation of the property. With a grant of \$1,200 from the Alaska Mission share of the Fund for Reconciliation we have enabled the Chugiak United Methodist Church to continue to develop its unique community service program known as Chugiak Child Services, Inc. This year Rev. Donald Hartman has developed a Radio and Television ministry that has enthusiastic reception in Sitka and Juneau.

10. This has been a most difficult year for A.M.U. It was not until July 31 that the Board of Trustees announced that the University would be open for students this fall even though it was \$1,300,000 in the red, and the presidential search committee had no recommendation for a president. In spite of this adverse situation students enrolled, and we experienced only a drop of five in enrollment over a year ago.

At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees the Mission Superintendent was elected president of the board to fill the vacancy created by Bishop Everett W. Palmer's death January 5, 1971. On September 24, 1971, the board elected Dr. John O. Picton as the third president of A.M.U. to fill the vacancy created by President Fred McGinnis' resignation effective February 1, 1971. Dr. Picton came to us from several years with the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory and has given us superb leadership under most trying circumstances.

The Board of Trustees had been strengthened by the addition of five new local trustees. The board has been transformed from an "honorary board" to a "hard-working board." We have been welded together having gone through the fire of one crises after another. I cannot express adequate appreciation for a loyal faculty and administration that stayed with it even though their pay checks were late and there was no assurance from month to month we could keep our doors open to be able to graduate this year's class. The same can be said for the student body.

With the sale to the State of 197.5 acres of A.M.U.'s property bordering on Northern Lights to be used by the University of Alaska for their new Senior University campus for \$1,950,000 we have been able to graduate this year's class, pay off all of our debts, and continue through the summer session until August 31. If the Student Tuition Grant bill is not passed at this session of the Legislature, the Board of Trustees will face another extraordinary crisis decision.

Mrs. Everett W. Palmer, reflecting the deep interest that Bishop Palmer had in A.M.U., had designated the Alaska Memorial Fund and the remainder of the Palmer Continuing Educational Fund for a total of \$20,000 to be placed in the University's Restricted Funds. The interest on the \$20,000 is to be used by the Department of Religion for seminars or lectureships in the field of religion and theology as could contribute to the understanding, inspiration, and encouragement of clergy, laity, and the campus community.

11. Again in good Alaska Mission tradition every church in the Mission paid their apportionments in full for 1971. The self-supporting churches of the Mission are to be commended for their cooperation with the salary sharing plan for 1971 that made possible the balancing of the Mission budget. Pastoral minimum support was raised for 1972 from \$5,500 to \$5,800. Every non-self supporting church in the Mission has voted to increase their salary to care for this \$300 increase plus the cost of living index. We have not yet been able in the same year to increase salary to try to keep up with inflationary cost of living and at the same time make any significant advance in reducing subsidy.

Total giving for all causes in the Mission was up \$43,711 over the 1970 level of \$383,448. Board of Missions loans to the churches of the Mission on October 11, 1970, was \$515,698. A year-and-a-half later, March 31, 1972, the loans have been reduced by \$60,605. Heavy mortgages on many of our churches are a real problem. The National Division of the Board of Missions in 1971 contributed for all work in Alaska, the Mission and its five institutions, \$308,899. Sharp reductions have been made for 1972. Later I will give the Mission a detailed breakdown of how the \$308,899 has been invested. It is imperative that we make maximum effort to assume as much self support as possible, and to this end the World Service and Finance Commission will be recommending to the Annual Meeting securing the service of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the National Division for specialized finance crusades for six weeks in November and December and an all Mission Crusade including every church in the Mission for a two-month period a year from this fall.

12. In view of Alaska's promising future growth and development in all areas and the implications of this development for the United Methodist Church in Alaska, the Annual Meeting last year requested the Program Council assume responsibility for a major two-year evaluation study, including proposed projected goals of all the work of the Alaska Mission. The Program Council was instructed to bring an interim report to the 1972 Annual Meeting, calling on Richard Gilbert as a consultant for this task. I am suggesting an order of the day be set for Wednesday evening for the consideration of this report.

One of the most significant General Conference actions affecting local churches and Annual Conferences was the adoption of the General Program Council's proposal, "Planning for Ministries—1973 and Beyond." Rather than a "handed-down" quadrennial emphasis type program from the general church this plans for engagement of local churches and Annual Conferences, as well as our new Missionary Conference, in a process of planning their own programs for ministry.

Archbishop William Temple once told about being caught in a violent Irish thunderstorm. It was the kind where the lightning and thunder are so close and the wind and rain so fierce that one instinctively tries to get away by going inside, by pulling the blinds, by closing the doors. But he saw one woman standing in her open doorway, taking it all in. He asked her if she wasn't afraid, and she looked him straight in the eye and said, "I'm proud to have a God who can shake the world like that." Let's not lose sight of God's glory.

C. Report of the Churches and Agencies of the Conference

1. REPORTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES

A. ANCHORAGE PARK — ANCHORAGE

Robert Bowers, Pastor

This has been a good, productive year at Anchor Park. The year began with a retreat at Birchwood Camp at which members of the church began working on goals and objectives for 1972. Dick Gilbert was helpful in directing the process of goal setting. We emerged from this process with some definite goals in mind.

In January a successful school of Mission was held with a total of 40 persons participating throughout the four week session. The theme of the school was Africa and the changes taking place on that continent.

During Lent a series of six drama-sermons was presented by the pastor and congregation. These sermons, entitled, **THE PRELUDE TO THE LAST DAY**, were designed to show the basic purpose and meaning of the life of Christ. Members of the congregation felt that this added a different dimension of meaning to their Lenten observance.

The biggest event of the year was a Lay Witness Mission the first weekend in May. Witnesses from several states journeyed to Alaska to lead the mission and give their witness. Participation on the local church level was very good and many people received aspecial blessing from the Mission.

I have enjoyed my first year as pastor of Anchor Park and look forward to this next year. The people of Anchor Park are positive, willing workers and are fun to work with. It has been a joy to be with them.

B. EAST ANCHORAGE

John Tindell, Pastor

This has been the year of the **group** for East Anchorage United Methodist Church. In addition to regular type United Methodist organizational, educational and worship patterns, three Koinonia groups have developed as strong units of mutual support and depth study. One group has been meeting together for two years, one for one year and one has just started. The group with the longest history evaluated what has happened at a May meeting. There was general agreement that 1) the group experience has a meaning like nothing else in routine church life 2) leadership for organizational things is easier to obtain when persons have been involved in a group and 3) no one group should continue indefinitely.

Our plan is to have a **group potluck supper** in September involving persons now participating in a group and others interested. We will there re-emphasize purpose and goals and tools of Koinonia Groups, if needed bring groups "two" and "three" to a number averaging 12 or 14 participants in each and divide the older group "one" into two groups so that a total of just over 50 adults will be involved in four groups.

I personally believe that keen interest and constant oversight by the pastor is the key to local congregational group life that is both continuing and healthy. I see my role as **class leader**, to use terminology common in the early days of the Methodist revival.

In addition to the traditional 11:00 service, we have had a 9:00 Contemporary Worship which has appealed to some youth, older children and their parents. A Combo Group was developed to play for this service.

A ten member (nine boys) Confirmation Class has met with the pastor throughout the year and was confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.

Episcopal Priest and Anchorage Community Chest Director Malcom Miner spoke at the Ash Wednesday communion service.

Missions chairman Mary Maheras and co-chairman Arlene Anconsen did an excellent job promoting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, resulting in a contribution of \$234.00.

Several of our people have spent many hours strengthening a weak Boy Scout troop which now seems to be functioning in a solid and efficient way.

The Junior High group named themselves "Heaven's Devils."

A circle of the Women's Society has been formed and meets weekly to make items for a projected bazaar.

Our Finance Committee is currently working with the National Division to arrange for a major fund raising drive in the fall to enable us to become a self supporting church and to build next spring additional worship space to free the currently used area for Sunday School classes. Also, landscaping is seen as important in plans developed in cooperation with the Building Committee.

The senior highs, under the capable adult leadership of Mollie Bynum, led the Mother's Day worship which included a panel discussing "What is a Woman?" The youth did their own thing in their own way and it was excellent.

The East Anchorage Church takes on the charter more of a fluid brotherhood than an established institution. Maybe that's what some churches ought to be.

C. FIRST UNITED METHODIST — ANCHORAGE

Eugene H. Walters — Ernest H. Jones, Pastors

Our fifth and final year at First Church has been very interesting. It was our pleasure to welcome Ernie and Rachel Jones. They brought to us a vast experience in Alaska at both Douglas and Nome. Both Ernie and Rachel have greatly undergirded our education program. Ernie conducted two confirmation classes which added 15 new young members to our congregation. Rachel, serving as Children's Ministries Coordinator for the Mission, was able to greatly enhance our local program.

We started the year with expectations of a building program and hopes that our crowded conditions in the church school would be partially relieved. However, as in the past, this was not to be. As the year closes, there is a glimmer of hope that our financial posture may be given a shot in the arm with a proposed sale of the three lots at the corner of 9th and H.

We stand at a time of decision. The needs of downtown Anchorage require a comprehensive ministry. A great deal of the responsibility is on our shoulders. We have the opportunity to provide strong Christian leadership and concern. The ability to do this and the very life of the church depends upon how soon we can build adequate facilities. It is my hope that we can take such action this coming year.

First United Methodist Church possibly receives more than its share of counseling situations. More and more time is spent in this area with a larger number of church related families seeking help. The pastors have continued to share this load to best use our time. In addition, we both completed a class in Pastoral Counseling through the Community Hospital and its chaplain.

Keeping up with new families moving into the community continues to be a major challenge. Ernie has been a great help here making the first call shortly after the family arrives. We appreciate the fine work being done by our membership secretaries in keeping records of all who attended Sunday services. Most of my calling has been on members and, when possible, on the inactive.

My appreciation goes to those willing laymen who have put in long hours in their many tasks around the church . . . most of whom do not receive the recognition they deserve. It has been my privilege to be a part of this dedicated group. I pray that the coming year under a new pastor may bring even greater dedication and the fruition of our labors.

D. JEWEL LAKE — ANCHORAGE

Tom Whitehead and Tom Handley, co-pastors

At Annual Conference Ac Wischmeier made the following remark regarding the Jewel Lake Parish:

"Tom Handley and Tom Whitehead represent the second contingency of pastors of the Jewel Lake Church. When I first came to the Mission, Chuck Horner was pastor of Turnagain United Methodist Church. He was in warm and cordial relationship with Ralph Weeks, then, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church close by. The little Presbyterian Church on Jewel Lake Road was closing, or was closed. At the first meeting of the Presbytery of the Yukon after my coming to Alaska, I was asked to come and talk about the possibility of developing a cooperative and ecumenical ministry in the area of Jewel Lake. That was the planting of the seed, and with watering and cultivation in various ways, through many people's work and prayers and toil and vi-



Jewel Lake Becomes a part of the Conference

sions, what once was a dream has become a reality. The Presbyterians recognized Jewel Lake as a formally constituted Presbyterian Church in March. Our action tonight will recognize Jewel Lake as a formally constituted Methodist Church. Turnagain United Methodist and Trinity United Presbyterian Churches have, in this missionary enterprise, re-established a church, written a constitution which incorporates the best and highest of our two denominations, and have constituted another church for their three church parish. A pastor has been called with concurrence of the denominational bodies. This is the way we chart new courses and new ways."

Bishop Sparks mentioned the remarkable combination of traditions going into Jewel Lake and expressed his thanks for all those who have worked in this venture to bring it thus far. He then presented the constituting document to the Church.

E. ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST — ANCHORAGE

Howard L. DeVore, Pastor

Girdwood, Hope, Bayshore West

What began as an experiment just two years ago has met with such acceptance and success that it has become something of a tradition. The satisfaction of the ministry at St. John has been that the people were always willing to make a change and try new styles. Perhaps, it was because we have been searching for better ways of meeting the needs of this community. We extended the church school and worship hour by fifteen minutes and began with the whole family together for the first part of worship. Then classes for students up through high school would commence and run for one hour. Adults and youth who chose to remain continued on with the service. At the conclusion it gave worshippers a few minutes for coffee, conversation, and an occasional dialogue while waiting for the classes to dismiss. Later on we included children's stories or "surprise box sermons" brought by the boys and girls and songs as part of the worship. It has resulted in an experience which has proven popular with older persons as well as families.

But the winning combination includes a church school staff of enviable creativity. Several parents have confessed that they attend St. John because their children insist on coming back. Even the nursery is a learning experience with Bonnie and Virginia Smay teaching. Cheri Smith in kindergarten, Shirley Smith teaching first-second grade, Nancy Fuerstenberg with third-fourth, De-Ette Goff and her juniors, and Bill Cardwell teaming up with Paulette Ryan to teach youth are the persons who make our church an attractive Christian family program.

All this has helped to change the pattern of attendance from occasional to regular, particularly for the new families. Sixteen parents united with St. John late in 1971 and as many more this spring. We have seen a deepening concern for the fellowship as we make time in worship to share suggestions for prayer and action. The move to a less formal structure even allows for brief comments or insights from the Scripture reading from the congregation. The lay leader Robert Smay has introduced a greeter and usher program that includes new persons. The Administrative Board has just instituted an attendance registering method to discover needs of members and new attenders.

Supporting the Sunday Service, providing refreshments after worship, and sponsoring a monthly get-acquainted family brunch is the Women's Society of Christian Service led by Mrs. Allen Muir. The women enjoyed occasional circle meetings through the year for Bible Study and creative work that netted almost \$1400. at the annual bazaar most of which was dedicated

to the building loan repayment program. Their mission studies and monthly program meetings provide for spiritual enrichment and keep women in touch with issues and the worldwide United Methodist Mission.

A special project of the minister of St. John was a survey of a promising new sub-division south of Campbell Lake and accessible only by Victor Road off Dimond Boulevard. In February, sixty families of Bay Shore West were interviewed as to church preference and interest in a new Methodist type congregation. Seven families with some Methodist or Presbyterian background indicated only a slight interest in such a proposal. Most were not attending worship anywhere. Active churchmen were related to nearby Lutheran and Catholic churches on Jewel Lake Road. With twenty additional homes unoccupied at the time development of the area would seem to depend upon the population surge expected with the pipeline construction or another similar economic injection to support this type of housing.

F. GIRDWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Howard D. DeVore, Pastor

The preacher who said, "A man will walk miles to deliver a sermon but hardly across the street to hear one" may have been thinking of Girdwood. The minister drives four thousand miles a year over icy, snow packed, windy roads with treacherous curves to conduct worship once a week on Thursday nights. Often there are more in attendance but sometimes the scriptural "where two or three are gathered" is translated literally. Yet the gratitude of the faithful there is rewarding and the witness of the church's presence essential. The "mountain top experience" was Easter when sunrise found the minister leading a service for over three hundred persons on Mt. Alyeska. Equally inspiring was a Christmas Eve Candlelight service with seventy.

G. TURNAGAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thomas Whitehead, pastor

Turnagain has had a year of new experiences. Last Summer we started our first house church. This covenant group of five families defined for themselves what the church should be. Then through the Summer they brought that church into being through their interaction. The experiment was so meaningful that there are two Summer covenant groups projected for the year ahead. In addition to the house church, the Summer was a time for mid-week creative worship, Day camping, and Wednesday school, plus various family outings.

In the Fall the larger parish youth guitar group created the Protestant answer to the folk mass. The folk worship and slide show was so popular that it was used fifteen times in other churches and church gatherings. This Spring the church has enjoyed its strongest choir in several years, and a new carpet now is in use in the sanctuary.

While cleaning its rolls, the churches membership and stewardship has maintained its strength through the past year. The highlight of May was a Lay Witness Mission. Those who participated found renewal for themselves and a new understanding of what the church, its fellowship, and its relationship to God could be.

A fourth new experience was the growing relationship with the Christian Methodist Church of Anchorage. On COCU Sunday a pulpit and choir exchange between the two churches and a potluck afterwards was very re-

warding. As a result of the experience, a "cultural exchange" of music is projected for the Fall, and various community service opportunities are being explored.

Turnagain continues to be one of the most exciting congregations to serve in the Alaska Mission. Its on-going educational program has enjoyed some of the finest teaching in this minister's experience. The adult class finds great meaning in exploring the faith and its implications in today's world. The women have reorganized to provide a more flexible and enthusiastic ministry to the church and world. The members of this church are serving the needs of the community through such on-going programs as FISH and through their service to other organizations in Anchorage. Above all, we anticipate a deepening experience in our ecumenical larger parish relationship with Trinity Presbyterian and the Jewel Lake Parish. We look forward to Dick Morrison's educational ministry to the larger parish and more small group experiences within the parish on the order of our Lenten program. All in all we anticipate a great year.

H. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHUGIAK

Eugene Groves, Pastor

Our third year at Chugiak, while it might be characterized by meetings, and more meetings, has been a fulfilling year. Within the church I feel a sense of growth in understanding and working together among all of us. Marion Daley has done a fine job in working with and securing teachers for the church school program. Natalie Brooks has carried on in her work with Junior and Senior Choirs, and Organist, along with being the church's lay member to Annual Conference. The trustees have struggled with the various concepts of building a new parsonage adjacent to the church, under the able leadership of Clovis Roberts. The Finance Committee, with Harold Abrams, who also organizes the ushers each Sunday, as chairman sponsored a successful financial campaign by mail, and saw that the bills were paid. Jane Oakley and Jeanette Lowe did their unsung work as treasurer and financial secretary. Kay Abrams worked creatively with both the WSCS and DVCS, and both showed much life because of her hard work. Les Fetrow has lead well in the area of worship. And the many others, unnamed here, who have worked and worshiped together, have brought our church through another year and themselves to a fuller understanding of the meaning of being the person for others.

I feel privileged to have shared in several important developments in our community this year. First, Chugiak Children's Services has been born and is now a year old. Under the leadership of Natalie Brooks as president, the board of CCS is sponsoring Headstart, full day child care, and morning enrichment programs as well as a summer recreation program for families in our area. Plans are being made to expend our program to two centers for the coming year, one in Eagle River in addition to the one in our church. Second, Birchwood Camp Incorporated is now a functioning entity, thanks to the efforts of a hard working Board of Directors, who sat through many meetings hammering out the incorporation papers and now establishing policy for this new corporation. LeRoy and Betty Orth, the camp caretakers, have taken over the managing of the camp and the upgrading of camp facilities in a beautiful way. The camp and the corporation are both new entities after this year of effort. The Borough has taken over the legal responsibilities for the Railroad Crossing, but somehow we are still stuck with the maintenance of the road. I guess everything can't be perfect. On these two boards I have the privilege of being the treasurer. Third, as an alternate on the Board of the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency, I've enjoyed the

many hours spent in their meetings for the past three years. I will miss my close association with the board this year, but will keep in touch with their activities through membership on several of their special committees. Fourth, discussions about means of securing campus ministry for the institutions of higher learning in the Anchorage area has been an interesting diversion. Unfortunately, the money needed for this type of venture is not on the immediate horizon. Perhaps some diverse new methods of ministry can develop till such time as funding becomes available.

It would be hard to pick out the highlight of the year. There have been so many fulfilling things happening. Confirmation Class is always fun. Sharing groups under Jane Oakley's leadership are significant. John Shaffer's visit and sharing about Africa was good. The all music worship service a breakthrough. The children's and youth Choir Festival a packed service. Experimentation in A.V.s and children's sermons in worship were rewarding. Sharing our building with the Episcopalians during the summer for services was healthy. The many hours spent in counseling, personal, wedding, family, and the changes achieved and the failures recognizes promoted growth. Special services, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise, Christmas Eve, all have special memories. But perhaps the most memorable event of this year was Tom and Lynn Lenhart's decision that Tom should go to Garrett Theological Seminary this fall and study for the ministry.

May our fourth year at Chugiak show as much continued growth as the year just past.

I. FAIRBANKS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

David K. Fison, Pastor

Our worship in-the-round, which evolved last year from our Lay Witness Mission, appears a permanent setting for our worship. This continues to be enhanced by our active choirs: handbell, interpretive, children's, and adult; often with harpsichord, recorders, guitars, etc. Lay participation continues to increase through our nineteen different committee chairman with various responsibilities for worship. We have lay worship leaders each Sunday. Art for bulletin covers and banners have become a standard part of our worship. We are sending our bell choir director outside for special training. Our handbell choir plans to participate in the Fairbanks Golden Day's Parade.

Last year our emphasis was on church renewal. From this we have sent twenty-seven lay witnesses from our congregation to fourteen different churches in Alaska or other states. Many have participated several times. This year our emphasis is on Outreach. Twelve thousand dollars of our eighty thousand dollar budget is designated for outreach or benevolent programs. Thirteen hundred dollars for Methodist institutions in Alaska, \$1750 for various projects in Fairbanks, including \$600 for United Campus Ministry and \$300 for the establishment of a summer youth hostel program in our church building. \$1,500 is budgeted for Advance Specials and MCOR. A comprehensive brochure was prepared and circulated to our congregation giving a complete break-down of all finances, especially apportionments. This revealed information not usually available such as; our local church is contributing an average of \$175 each to ten mission churches in Alaska.

Our study "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" covering a four month period became a significant part of our adult education program. This featured the Bauman films which were shown with an average attendance of twenty-five. To improve on youth work we have budgeted \$2,500 for a combined youth director and administrative assistant, possibly a seminary student.

The situation of the Juneau congregation eventually brought invitations for shared program and/or shared facilities from the Douglas congregation, the Northern Light United Presbyterian Church and the two segments of the Episcopal Church in our borough. In the final analysis, the response of the church conference was to say yes to each offer, as it was received. In some

so we gain the benefit of the interest on the basic amount. the meantime, the law allows us to have possession of the amount offered, and we now will face possible court actions during the coming months. In first offer from the State of Alaska. This was refused by the congregation worship service was held in the building on April 30, 1972. \$120,000 was the was the oldest in the state that was still in continuous use. The last formal a court house. This will be of interest to history, for the church building there dist Church at the corner of Fourth and Seward, for the purpose of building the request for the condemnation of the property of the Juneau United Metho- On December 14, 1971, the Superior Court of the State of Alaska granted

appreciation for the paradoxes of our life and faith. and advance, as well as discouraging setbacks, is not an easy one. Yet in the The process of summarizing a year in which there have been great joys

Juneau United Methodist Church

Douglas Community United Methodist Church

John J. Shaffer, Pastor

K. JUNEAU-DOUGLAS LARGER PARISH

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J. HOMER UNITED METHODIST PARISH

thirteenth year in the Mission. tion for the new Discipline was a most broadening experience. We begin our Sharing in the legislative committee process and helping to prepare legisla- Georgia. The Alaska delegation of two was seated — voice without vote. The pastor was privileged to attend the General Conference in Atlanta,

Special Education Kindergarten. Adult Education, Secretarial Training, Retarded Children's Pre-school and age. We still make extensive use of our church facilities: Headstart, Basic room. Flood insurance is now in effect for the church as well as the parson- as a new yard shed. Some carpeting is now scheduled for the basement family summer, the yard fence completed with some needed concrete work, as well alarm system was also installed. The parsonage exterior was repainted last summer to match the new wing. The outside is now very attractive. A fire The older unit of our church building was restyled and repainted last

these will become a permanent part of our yearly program. successful family camping program with 42 in attendance. It appears that two church square dances, our annual Riverboat picnic trip plus a very continues a church school class and has monthly fellowship as well. We have first week-end trip to Mt. McKinley. The "Nuggets," our young couples group, program. The "Auroras," a monthly adult fellowship, have scheduled their and Wesleyan Service Guild continue vitally and raise \$1,000 of the benevolent Fellowship is an important part of our program. Our Women's Society

We now sponsor a Cub Pack to compliment our Scouting program of long standing.

ways, this has meant a splintering of the congregation. But under the leadership of a parish-wide Council on Ministries, there will be a great deal of unity in programming during the transition period.

One-third of the Juneau congregation will be worshipping at Douglas and two-thirds will be worshipping with the Northern Light Congregation. The Episcopal building in the downtown area will be available for use in social service programs and the Episcopal group in the valley have indicated their willingness to minister to United Methodists through the ecumenical parish concept: i.e. United Methodists can serve on the Bishop's Committee without becoming Episcopalians first. A special "union-study committee" has been formed between the United Presbyterians and the United Methodists to make firm proposals for the future by January 1, 1973.

At Juneau, we sheltered 380 different persons during the summer youth hostel program, related to many children in the community center program and provided the stimulus for a summer community recreation program at the Eagle River Camp. Douglas has continued to house a Day-Care program.

The Shaffer's spent a good portion of the summer of 1971 in Africa with the Palmer Seminar. The Lay Speaker's provided a nucleus of quality speakers, so that summer attendance at worship held up well. Both Barbara and I have shared our experience in several places throughout Alaska, especially relating to the School of Mission.

The Lay Witness program was held in the parish in September and provided the stimulus for spiritual growth among various persons unequaled in my ministry. For the witness of those who came to be with us, I am grateful. Three persons have gone from our parish to other Lay Witness programs. The Ecumenical Institute has also held training programs in the parish this year.

There is a spirit of optimism and cooperation between the various units of the parish that has been encouraging and gives some hope for increased levels of witness and mission in the coming year.

L. KENAI PARISH

Kenai Church of The New Covenant

Bruce Bartel, Pastor

Our first year in the Church of the New Covenant and the Kenai United Parish has been stimulating and exciting. We arrived in the midst of a very warm and loving spirit heightened by a lay witness mission. We found sharing and loving people awake to the reality of God's love. The mission will long be remembered in the parish.

We have been especially pleased with the continuing role of the church in the community. With few exceptions, the members of the Church of the New Covenant have been active in witnessing their faith as community leaders. It is great to see faith at work.

The past year has meant a continued emphasis on the ecumenical nature of the church. Persons from several different denominations have continued to work together as one church. Although United Methodists comprise the majority of membership, other denominations comprise close to 35% of the membership.

The church looks to the coming year with expectation and hope. New facilities and a loving spirit are producing growth, and the church looks expectantly to parish and community growth through such cooperative events as Key 73.



Kenai Church of the New Covenant

North Star — Soldotna

James R. Fellers, Pastor

Hello Friends! (also Romans, countrymen, Bishop, Superintendent, brother pastors, Alaska laymen and women, historians, and interested Alaska Mission applicants) How would you like to sit down and theologize on the hermeneutical question for a while? You mean you're not interested? Well, the idea really doesn't "turn me on" either. So, let me share a few things that did "ring my chimes" (author is indebted to Rev. Walter Hays for this expression) this past year.

- Methodist-Lutheran dialogue which included a Tenebrae Good Friday service and weekly men's breakfasts.
- A visit by John Shaffer who shared his insights and concern for the African people.
- Summer workcampers traveling from central Illinois to lead vacation church school and completely stain the Soldotna church and parsonage.
- Christian growth in the atmosphere of small groups.
- Four Sundays of celebration led by the congregation during the pastor's January vacation "outside."

THE FUTURE? Space is limited — here in the journal for more reporting, and in the two churches for worship and educational space. North Star is working on building plans and Soldotna is attempting to relocate a rather large and disruptive nursery (the pastor confesses his addition to the problem).

One of the most important tasks ahead of us is working out the relationships and ministries of the congregations within the Parish. What does it mean to be an ecumenical parish? What is the mixture of "ecumenial blood"? Mostly Methodist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian or what? How do we define the role of the pastors? It would be nice to dig up twelve stone tablets full of answers when we begin excavating for the North Star project. There is one thing that I do know. God calls each of us to witness to the unity of Christ's Church in an area that is polarized and alienated.

Well . . . so long till next year . . . maybe now you wish we had discussed the hermeneutical problems?

M. KETCHIKAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Charles Horner, Pastor

Most of the program of the church has been covered in the statistical reports of this Journal. It has been an interesting year, and one in which the church has grown tremendously. However, the nature of this growth cannot be reported with statistics or even easily with printed words or spoken phrases.

How do you report a leap of faith? How do you describe the awesome beauty, pain and joy of seeing a person awakening to life, and love and the beauty which is God's intention all around him?

These are the things which I would like to cover in my report but simply can't. Words alone are too inadequate.

Instead I would say to anyone who would desire to know about our church, "Come and really live a week, or better still a month with us." Share our celebration, our pain, our love, our sense of deep inadequacy and our joy of some accomplishment. See how we are really trying to love one another, and to share this love with our community, and then experience our frustration when our love or self, or sometimes even our love for the institution called the church betrays us.

Participate in our program, I mean really participate; don't just observe.

Walk the streets with our Presence Ministers and know the tearing agony of unmet need and exploited human weakness. Know the frustration of knowing that there is so much that can and should be done — and that there are so few to even try to do a small portion of it.

Visit the Detention Home with our Lay Associate Bruce Botelho and participate in his concern as he establishes contact with youth whose only real social contact has been within that shadowy structure known as "the Stedman Street Gang."

Then visit the League of Women Voters and participate with them in their sense of mission as they strive to work through the power structure to provide a better program of care, concern and correction for all the youth of our community.

Then attend a School Board as one of our Doctors presents the need for a program that will help our children and people grow in the understanding of their feelings, the sensation of growth and change, their sexuality and their potential for love, and total human development, or share the thrill of listening to Carroll Fader as he introduces a program for greater vocational training. A program that will help to curb our dropout rate, and to provide a means of livelihood and personal worth to some who would otherwise fade away from what we call social acceptance.

And as you listen to these men, and women, experience the certain warmth and security that comes with the knowledge that several of those who are listening are your fellow church members and your friends.

Come then and share your life, your fears and your frustrations in one of our small groups — and I do mean share, because you will never really know us until you share yourself with us and know the joy of acceptance. Experience the joy and the freedom of really being able to open hearts, doors and let love in, and then you will begin to know us.

On Friday night, visit our Coffee House. Again don't just be a spectator, be a participant. Don't just listen to the program. Circulate, meet others who

are there, don't let anyone sit alone. Take the initiative; go sit with them. Learn of their loneliness, their hopes, their fears, sometimes their dreams. You may make a new friend, but know also that you might know the frustration of coping out — when the human need you encounter seems greater than your time, your talent, your strength can allow you to become involved with.

Sometime during the week you spend with us you will probably know the pain of seeing human need and then having to honestly admit that you failed to meet it, simply because you did not love enough. And this will help you to know us as we are.

On Sunday morning — Come, worship and celebrate with us. Share our joy as we greet one another, share our guilt as we admit our human frailty and confess our inadequacy. Share with us the realization of God and man's forgiveness. Allow His love and our love to minister to your needs. And if you are fortunate enough to be a Pastor, know the joy of seeing loving and responsive force in the congregation and with that seeing and realization of support, feel far stronger than you know you really are.

Celebrate — rejoice, affirm God's love and man's possibilities, know our sincere prayer that you along with others will depart from our doors better equipped for meeting life, for loving and for serving.

Share these things with us, and you will come to know — not only what and who we are, but to some degree where we are trying to go.

With Paul — we confess we have achieved only a very little, we know that even our portion of Christ's body is not well co-ordinated, but likewise with Paul — we press on for the goal, rejoicing in the amazing prizes in our portion of the now.

N. COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NOME

Walter Hays, Jr., pastor

An Associated Press writer composed an intriguing article about Nome this past year that was carried in papers throughout the nation; it was titled: "Nome: Decaying Monument to the Gold Rush." The writer may have been more prophetic than he knew since this seems to be Nome's key problem — a stubborn fascination with the past (McLuhan would call it a "rear view mirror" orientation) almost to the exclusion of realistic planning for the future.

Nome is the goods and service center for Northwest Alaska. Eighty percent of its population are Eskimo people that have moved to Nome from over 20 surrounding villages. The economy is controlled by the twenty per cent white minority. The principal industry is tourism. Over 10,000 tourists will come to Nome this summer to see the Eskimos dance, pan for gold, and take photographs of the people.

Three events have had very positive impact on Nome this past year: 1.) the Alaska State Housing Authority and Department of Housing and Urban Development opened fifty units of low-cost housing that were sorely needed; the homes are sound and many families are knowing the convenience of modern plumbing and a warm home for their children for the first time. 2.) The Catholic Diocese of Northern Alaska has opened a new educational radio station — KNOM that is providing contemporary music for the area and excellent spot announcements and features that deal with health, family life, village problems and cultural heritage, 3.) The Bering Straits Native Associa-

tion has been formed (as one of the twelve regional corporations provided under the native land claims settlement) and holds great promise for the economic development for the native villages of the area surrounding Nome.

Our congregation is the oldest continuing Protestant church in Nome tracing its history to the earliest Gold Rush Days. I will recap the year's work under these headings:

Physical Improvement

This has been a year of extensive repair work on our large church plant. A work team of nineteen youth from Centenary College in Shreveport, La., under the able leadership of Rev. August Aamodt gave over 12,000 hours of volunteer labor to the church and community center this past June. They completely scraped and painted the entire exterior of our large church and parsonage unit. Under the able leadership of Bob Richardson of the Seward Congregation members of the church successfully repaired the parsonage roof that has had severe leaks for the past several years. Members of the congregation also painted the church social hall, narthex, and downstairs classroom. Lydia and I painted the church garage and the entire parsonage interior. This marked the first time that there had been any painting since the church was built in 1960. The United Methodist Women also purchased seamless flooring for the church kitchen and paid for its installation.

Church Life

This year saw good attendance at our church conferences and a revitalization of our Council on ministries. Five of our church members were trained at the annual school of missions and a fine church-wide school of missions on Africa was held on four Sunday nights in November with an average attendance of 35. Good crowds were on hand for a church Thanksgiving dinner, the annual Christmas Candlelight service and the family New Year's Eve program. The Council on Ministries led the congregation in a six week experiment on a new physical setting for worship during Lent and in a survey of the congregation's concerns about worship.

Our Vacation Church School was well attended with fine leadership from the Centenary College team. The church continues to have two unique study groups — a church school class for older adults that is taught in the Wales Eskimo dialect and the Sisterhood, a weekly study-fellowship group of Eskimo women; this year the Sisterhood completed the mission study on the book of Matthew. Two new study opportunities were added for adults this year — a monthly fellowship group that used contemporary films and books as a springboard for discussion and a thirteen week class on the Life and Teachings of Jesus taught by the pastor. A highlight of the spring was a preaching mission conducted by Ray Baines, the American Indian Ombudsman, on his visit to Nome in May. The United Methodist Women of the congregation are well organized and give strong support to the total life and work of the congregation.

Community and Co-operative Ventures

I was pleased to take an active role in several community and ecumenical ventures this year. I served on the Nome Arts Council and on the committee that developed a "crisis-line" phone ministry for the community. I was chairman for the Nome UNICEF drive and moderated the public forum prior to the city election. I also coordinated the Nome tour of the Ballard Chorale of Seattle and organized other film events that raised over \$500. for the building fund of the Nome Receiving Home.

Our church also took a primary leadership role in enabling two ecumenical events that were very well received in the community. In December we co-sponsored with the Lutheran and Roman Catholic congregations a special advent service that featured special music and the dramatic reading of the beautiful poem "Hello In Exile"; over 300 persons were in attendance. Over 350 persons attended a special festival service honoring Alaska's missionary heritage in February sponsored by six of the local congregations. Bishop Robert Whelan was the preacher; this marked the first time that a Roman Catholic Bishop had ever preached in a protestant church in Nome.

During this first year in Nome I have learned to have deep appreciation for the men that have served this congregation in the past as I have learned to do without hot water for six months (while we waited for parts for the furnace) to do without a car for two months (while we waited for parts) and to be on the instant lookout for plumbing problems. This first year in Nome has been a most interesting and challenging experience and I am deeply indebted to the local church leadership and the mission superintendent for their strong support.

O. SEWARD, MOOSE PASS AND COOPER LANDING

Gary Lueck, Minister

The Cooper Landing fellowship has continued to be an exciting and enjoyable experience for me and my wife. We gathered on a semi-monthly basis. The inter-faith group studied two books, and heard and saw a couple of travelogs. While the average number of participants is down a few the vitality of the group has grown.

Moose Pass has experienced a couple of interesting events. Last summer a work team from Illinois painted the exterior of the church building, finished laying the tile in the one class room and brushed out the church property. They also conducted a well received and successful Vacation Bible School. For 12 weeks a study group has studied the "Life and Teaching of Jesus" by Bauman. Coming out of the study is the desire to run their own Vacation Bible School this coming summer.

Seward has continued its ecumenical work and local ministry. Seward Memorial and St. Peter's Episcopal congregations continue their united Sunday School. Most churches joined in presenting a Community Concert with over 250 attending. We also experienced together an early Easter Sunrise Service on the State Ferry Tustamena. Last summer a month long Day Camp was sponsored by the Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran and United Methodist churches, and it is again planned for the coming year. Another significant event involved the governing boards of the Lutheran and United Methodist churches which met to discuss mutual concerns and action.

Locally the congregation has increased its self-support by 10%, held Family Fellowships on a monthly basis, conducted a couple of short-term study groups and continues to house the Day Care Center. The Sanctuary aisle and chancel have been carpeted and the basement has been remodelled into a Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall has been panelled, the ceiling lowered and the floor carpeted. As the project was completed we had a dedication service.

The year has been one of more than "holding its own." New leadership has come forth, other leaders are more responsible and there is a greater sense of fellowship. May God be praised.

P. SITKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Donald L. Hartman, Pastor

The Church is spoken of as a community of believers. The Sitka congregation seeks to live up to this image as we work and share in Christian commitment.

During 1971 the members of the church have expressed their interest in many ways; mainly in a willingness to be involved. Attendance has been good; response to various activities, meetings, and projects has been gratifying; and giving has been excellent.

A point of interest might be the innovation of a new form of worship which lent itself to a warm, informal atmosphere. This was the monthly Breakfast-worship services. A breakfast would be served to the congregation followed a half hour later by an informal worship, which took place while the people sat around the tables.

The radio-TV ministry has continued through the year with support coming from the Alaska Mission, the local congregation, and people on the outside. The TV work has included the interview type format from last year interspersed with topical subjects related to the Church and Alaska. The new Lutheran pastor was invited to become a co-host of this program and has thus worked cooperatively with this pastor.

One of the amazing things about this congregation, and maybe this is true of United Methodists in general, and that is its community involvement. Some might be critical of this because the involvement is not in the name of the church. In fact, the church is not the center of our peoples' lives; therefore, the church has not become a place of escape or a haven for the elect. Rather it has become the launching pad by which the congregation is thrust into community life. No, the church is not the center, but the teachings and principles taught by our Lord influence the lives and actions of our membership. Isn't this what Christianity ought to be?

2. REPORTS OF THE AGENCIES OF THE CONFERENCE

A. ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.

Richard Gilbert, Executive Director

In July we will mark the end of our second year of existence. The Lutheran Church arm of Alaska Children's Services made a decision in May that they will stay with the organization. That is good news. On any one day we are serving about 250 children and members of families in a wide variety of programs. Jesse Lee Home continues to work with children whose behavior problems are too severe for them to continue to live in their communities or families. We have reopened cottage three which was closed for some time due to lack of funds. We are continuing to provide day care services at the Center for Children and Parents. About 45 kids are involved in that program in the center, in family day-care homes, and in after school care for children. This Summer the program is being expanded. Next year we hope to try a different kind of approach and de-emphasize day care in the center

and emphasize the use of family day-care home. We will want to find families in the Anchorage area who will serve as Day Care foster families, to care for two, three, and four pre-schoolers. Partly this will be tried to provide better care for children and partly to alleviate the high cost of day care- which costs about \$25 per child per day. Anchorage Children's Christian Home is still functioning as an emergency shelter. There have been hundreds of children through that facility this year. There is also a girls' group home for adolescent girls in the other half of the facility. North Star House and Aquarius House are the two group homes for adolescent boys and girls.

There are four things of importance to point out: (1) the program for young drug uses which we now call, "All of Us," and which was formerly known as the Halfway House, is now well under way. All of the people that are there are street people. All of them are native young adults and older adolescents. Most of them have come to the city in the boarding home program and have dropped out, to drugs and alcohol and to living in the street. They decided to make a change in their lives and are motivated enough to try to get out of the bad scene they are in. We had some problems establishing "All of US" in the Sand Lake Area. The community has protested and the Borough Assembly ruled against us about three weeks ago when they voted we were in violation of zoning — which is not true. The decision was that we have to leave, but, we are appealing it in the courts and our attorney assures us that we have an open and shut case in our favor.

(2) The Lutheran Youth Center decision has been a difficult one to reach and has caused the delay in the Lutheran decision to remain a part of the agency. Shortly after Alaska Children's Services, Inc. was brought into being the suggestion was made that the American Lutheran Church should close and sell the Lutheran Youth Center at Wasilla because the buildings were old and the State of Alaska is moving into the area of child care in the Valley. Within the next six weeks the Lutheran Youth Center will be closed.

(3) The Illiluk Family Services at Unalaska is coming along and becoming more self-sufficient. Next year Alaska Children's Services will only be spending \$5000 on the project, as contrasted with the nearly \$30,000 we spent this year. The Illiluk Family and Health Services is going to have a budget of around \$100,000 and is going to handle family care and health services for both the BIA and the State of Alaska. They will provide an emergency shelter for children and adults, alcoholism, detoxification, and a complete village medical clinic, including a medical assistant. The United Methodist Money has been used for seed money. Robert Fulton, project director, will continue for six months at which time the project will be turned over to a native director.

(4) We are presently attempting to get a \$250,000 grant from the Youth Development and Protection Agency to develop a youth services system in the Anchorage area. This will help us, for the first time, really hit the problems of adolescents, at the point where kids are not yet ready to come into institutions. We want to run a youth services center — a real emergency and crisis center. We will have a hot line with 24 hour a day service. We hope to provide services for runaway kids and their families and referral services to hook up kids to the services they need. We want to work in the area of parent-effectiveness training and human development laboratories, both of which will be added to the program of the Center for Children and Parents. We want to do work in family-life education with boarding parents, foster parents, and in training kids to help kids.

B. ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY

John Picton, president

AMU opened its 12th academic year in September of 1971 with an enrollment of 649 on-campus students, which translated to 498 Full-time equivalent on-campus students. Various programs held off-campus, but administered through the AMU campus, enrolled 339, translated to 116 Full-time equivalencies. The grand total of Fall students was 988, translated to 614 Full-time equivalencies. This was quite remarkable considering the uncertainties about reopening for another year which had prevailed throughout the entire summer.

The Spring semester enrolled surpassed the Fall with a grand total of 1098 students, translated to 646 Full-time equivalencies.

Most of the time and energies of the new administration, headed by Dr. John O. Picton, who became president on November 1, 1971, have been devoted to preparing materials for the Alaska state legislature and others who are working to open new channels of communication and support. At this writing the legislature has voted and funded a program which will make tuition grants available for qualified Alaska resident students who choose to attend Sheldon Jackson College or Alaska Methodist University. This legislation makes possible the continuation of alternative patterns of higher education for Alaskans and others.

AMU continues to develop innovative programs which are primarily concerned with the creative nurturing of human beings in these challenging times. Because of our strategic location, our youth, our dedication, and our many friends and supporters in the nation, the state, and the church, we are encourage to believe that we will not only survive but flourish.

—Richard R. Gay, Assistant to the President

C. MAYNARD McDOUGALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NOME

Donald Denning, Administrator

For those of you who are not familiar with the history of Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, I would like to very briefly lift out a few items that may be of interest to you.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE MAYNARD McDOUGALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

- 1906—The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church made a plea for medical services for the Eskimos at its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Horace Maynard responded at that time with a gift of one thousand dollars. This was to become the corner stone of the first Methodist medical plant in Nome.
- 1917—The original plan was for a medical clinic, but when the Catholic hospital closed in 1917 it assumed full care of both Eskimos and Caucasians and in the flu epidemic the following year was permitted to reopen the Holy Cross Hospital to better minister to the sick.
- 1927—Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Baldwin initiated the movement for a hospital, and when Fort Davis was closed a building was purchased from the war department for the sum of one dollar. This became the Maynard Columbus hospital.
- 1948—On March 12th of this year the Maynard Columbus hospital was destroyed by fire. Immediately a group of Nome citizens raised ten thousand dollars for rehabilitation of the old native school building for temporary hospital use. Captain Lathrop, a philanthropist of Fairbanks, sent one thousand dollars as a donation. The building was soon readied

and put in use until the present hospital structure was completed. The Military residing in Nome at that time gave funds for our present x-ray machines which are still in use. When the four full lots on Dry Creek Hill, which were partially thawed, were offered by the owners as a donation, Mrs. Stewart, representative of the Women's Division of Christian Service, immediately accepted, thus determining the present location.

In 1965 there was a major change. The hospital was incorporated as a Community Hospital, the United Methodist Church retained ownership, but transferred the responsible operation of the facility to a Local Board of Trustees.

Over the years the Women's Division and National Division of the Board of Missions have carried a heavy load of financial responsibility. Since 1965 this has gradually decreased at approximately the same ratio as funds into the Board of Missions have decreased.

Locally the Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital operates a 24 bed facility. Included in this are 5 bassinets, 6 long term care, 2 OB beds, and 11 in-patient beds. The hospital is attended by two Public Health Service physicians and a local physician on a part time basis. Some 60 to 80 out-patients are seen on a single day in our general clinic. The Public Health Service pays for this service when it is rendered to a native; private patients are expected to pay their own way. The ratio native to white is 85%. We serve approximately 6 to 7 thousand persons in the total area of coverage which includes 14 outlying villages.

About 2½ years ago there was some danger of serious financial trouble at the hospital. Rumor is that it was about to close. At present there is no indication of such condition. We are not financially lush, neither are we knocking at poverty's door. With the help of funds donated by the National Division and other donations, plus a close watch on our economic handling of expenditures we are keeping our head well above water.

Funds have been provided by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D. C. to provide a new X-Ray Machine with all its component parts, which should arrive on the first barge. This will enable us to completely renovate and up-date our Radiology Department. A new dark room will be provided with funds received from the National Division who also have tentatively committed financial help to renovate and refurnish our kitchen.

We recently completed renovation of a new Clinic Area. This greatly reduces the waiting time and increases the efficiency of our over-all Clinic service. Several thousands of dollars have been expended in equipment in every department to provide our employees with proper tools with which to work.

Sensing the need for improvement in our water supply, we wrote to all known agencies, Federal, State and Municipal, soliciting information relative to available funds to be used through the City of Nome to extend the water and sewer lines into the Hospital. This is an expenditure of nearly \$150,000.00 and through the combined efforts of our office and of Dr. McGinnis, Commissioner of Health and Social Services, Juneau, indications appear favorable that the connection will be completed before cold weather.

Our policy is to serve those who need medical assistance wherever and whenever the occasion arises without discrimination of any kind. To provide the best service that our capabilities will permit at the lowest possible cost remembering that we are non-profit in our relationship and seek to share our services with those in need.

What are our needs? Newer equipment in all departments. New furniture in all patient rooms. Interior painting throughout. Snow moving equipment. A new wing to provide facilities to meet certification standards and enable us to convert our present building into larger quarters for aging residents.

WHAT CAN THE CHURCHES OF THIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE DO: Above all we ask you to pray for us and our work. Remember us when your tithe box has a little extra in it. Think of us when making your Will. Designate estate funds to be shared with the thousands who come to our doors annually. We need to combine our efforts to bring about better health conditions to the Seward Peninsula.

We thank God for his blessing, His guidance and direction during this past year. We are grateful people. Things have not been easy but He has made it seem that way.

D. NOME COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

William Trudeau, Director

This first full year as a non-profit corporation has been an exciting one. All programs which were anticipated a year ago are now in full operation.

Last June a recreation director was hired and a summer program of day-camps, softball, crafts and picnics was begun. Since that time, with financial help from the City of Nome, we have expanded our staff to three and include programs in adult physical fitness and sports, children and teen open recreational programs, day camping and overnight camping, craft and hobby activities, skiing, ice skating, league bowling, league softball, and regular operation of the Nome Bowling Alley.

The Teen Center, hampered so long by lack of a building, opened full time early this year. Temporary staff was hired under contract and the program now includes, besides table games and recreation, dances, snack bar, lounge, and involvement by interested adults. The Center is to provide a vehicle for youth and adult meeting, alcohol and drug education, as well as recreation.

The Alcoholism Program began in full with the hiring of a director in November. Since that time, groups from high school and adults, in-residence and out-patient, alcoholics and relatives have met for counseling. One rehabilitation facility for males has been in operation since late last year and an additional facility is expected to open shortly. An alcoholism class was held in co-operation with the regional high school and several radio shows have taken to the air. In addition, counselors have regularly met with enforcement and health agencies to provide care in cases where alcohol has been a problem.

The basic funding for these projects has come from the Fund for Reconciliation. A three-year, \$60,000 grant has made available \$450,000 through grants and contracts for programming thus far. The Fund for Reconciliation has, by far, been the most significant contribution to come to Nome through the Church.

More important than the programs, however, is the community development which we have seen take place. Citizen advisory (to the board of directors) groups help to plan and oversee each activity of the Center. A Teen Board works to direct the programs of the Teen Center; recreation committees help to provide volunteer staff for the various programs; agency and alumni of the alcoholism program help direct the emphasis and future planning of the project. In addition, a newly created Senior Citizen Council is

working on a grant to provide an activities center for people over 55 years of age. The first working meeting of that group was the largest initial meeting for that purpose held in the state.

The Board of Directors has become more involved in the programs and direction of the Center. The Executive Committee meets at least bi-monthly with the staff to discuss problems, directions, and needs of the board members.

Settlement of the Native Land Claims bill will make a notable impact on the program of the Center. Various Native Corporations are developing to provide services needed in the area. The Center hopes to work cooperatively with these corporations and will probably spend increasing time in the areas of community planning and organization and decreasing time in the areas of services and projects.

The Community Center, faced with increasing needs for facilities, has approached the Nome Community United Methodist Church to discuss the possibilities of joint use of buildings. Sharing in the overhead costs would enable the Church to have more money for its programming while providing the Center with additional room for recreation, offices, community meetings, and the like.

We feel that a pale of defeatism and cynicism has begun to leave Nome and especially the Center during the last year. Hope is in the air and possibilities are threatening because of their multitude rather than their scarcity. Nome is blessed with fine local leadership and, to the extent the Church continues to make use of that leadership, there is a good ministry to look forward to.

E. UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY, INC.

Robert Nelson Director
Judith Morin, Associate Director

The Cutting Edge: a faculty-student dialogue session run in conjunction with Student Activities Office each Thursday evening in the Espresso Lounge. Some of the faculty involved were: Marty Underwood (Campus Security), John Morack (Physics Department), President William R. Wood, Dean Walter Mueller (College of Arts and Letters), Dean Perles (Business, Economics, and Government), Dr. Walter Benesch, (Philosophy), Dr. Robert M. Hilliard (Student Affairs), Col. Pagano (Alaska State Selective Service System) and others. This is the only non-classroom setting for faculty-student dialogue on campus. Contacts with the professors have greatly increased and deepened as have faculty-student contacts.

Staff Meetings (Weekly): A meeting each Tuesday evening between persons directly involved in programming and ministering to the campus, usually: Dr. Bob Nelson, Sr., Judy Morin, and Fr. Jim Sebesta. Through the use of this meeting for planning, programming and evaluating, we began to work more as a team without necessarily having to both be at the same place at the same time on campus. It is at these meetings that the most creative ideas and activities were born and brought to realization.

Retreats: Four student retreats were held during the term. One was led by Fr. David Keller, Episcopal priest from Tanana, on "The Man Who Nobody Knows," and another was led by Mr. Nels Church, a carpenter from Anchorage on "Basic Attributes of the Christian Life." These were held at the Presbyterian Student Lounge over weekends. It is hoped that the new term will see a retreat each month in order that more students will be able to take part. It is hoped that faculty retreats and seminars might be developed, utiliz-

ing the resources of the faculty themselves. These seminar-retreats would involve a sharing of disciplines around a common theme of religion or human concern. Such a seminar-retreat would center around the "Value of Life-Death" in which life scientists, physical scientists, social scientists, philosophers, theologians, et. al., could contribute and which involved such significant issues as euthanasia, abortion, alcoholism, suicide, etc.

Scripture Classes: Two courses have been taught during this past term: "Survey of Pauline Literature" and "The Gospels". There was better attendance at the former and better organization as well. During the next term, it is hoped that the Bauman film and study series, "The Life of Jesus," will be used for one course section. Judy will again teach a course on the new Testament.

Prayer Groups: A small group of students began an informal and open prayer group in the Wood Center during the Spring Semester and Bob and Judy assisted. A meditative prayer group in a dormitory has been requested for the Fall Semester.

Encounter Group: and Rap Sessions — several encounter groups and rap sessions were held throughout the year. It is felt that the staff of UCM could better be using their time especially since Encounter Groups are offered by the Counseling Center of the university. Some significant and intensive growth did occur in several individuals which probably would not have occurred otherwise. The overall growth of the groups was not significant or sustained. A similar evaluation could be made of the rap sessions. The rap sessions were designed, however, specifically to be open as well as open-ended groups. They too quickly became in-groups and solidified in participation and attitudes. They did not remain flexible and dynamic. Rap sessions in the future must be much more spontaneous and more mobile, occurring where students gather informally and in any and all of the dormitories or Wood Center. Too much scheduling prevents the UCM staff from really "being where the action is."

Office Hours and Availability by Telephone: Long office hours make it impossible to do anything outside of the office. Short hours make it frustrating for people who want to reach the UCM staff. An answering service has become a necessary addition to the office administration during the next term. An extremely HOT office in Constitution Hall is almost unbearable for any kind of work or counseling. A proposal has been submitted to the university administrative council asking for office space in the new Wood Campus Center in exchange for services as the Office of Religious Affairs.

Counseling: Counseling was very heavy during the Fall Semester but eased off somewhat during the Spring Semester. Perhaps one reason for this could be because with the new policy governing the university commons and meal tickets the UCM staff has not been able to afford to eat with students who eat there and many direct and informal counseling situations have been lost. Many students want the UCM staff to be "friends" rather than "counselors" since they can go to other offices for counseling and cannot necessarily find someone who will be a significant friend. Many are seeking adult models in the UCM staff and are, in fact, seeking guidance for their own adulthood. Some are seeking advocates in UCM staff; neutral agents in the university who can gain more objective views of situations and can speak to those situations and/or persons.

Draft Counseling: This past term has seen a more accepted role for draft counseling with ASUA funding the draft counseling program totally. Two draft counselors have been available daily working out of the UCM office. The staff, especially Bob Nelson, has acted in a training and advisory capa-

city much more so that UCM staff time has not been tied up so much in actual counseling except in special "religious" draft counseling and especially difficult cases.

Worship: This past term has seen two regular Catholic Masses and two regular Protestant Folk Masses. The Spring Semester has seen some developments in non-Eucharistic and ecumenical worship beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating in a Commencement Day Service of Thanksgiving. Some students would like to have a non-Eucharistic service on a regular basis. The meditative Mass on Sunday afternoons was better attended than ever when it was dark with candlelight. A warm community has developed around the Sunday morning Catholic Mass as well as the Protestant Folk Mass.

Service to the Community: For a time, a carload of students visited the Pioneer Home bringing young students and elderly citizens together. A carload of students also visits the Blood Bank to give blood for those in need. The Spring Semester Work-team will live and work with the handicapped at Hope Center. A team of eight students will go to Taize, France, led by Bob Nelson, this summer to participate in the Council de Jesunese, to Spain or Italy to share in the struggles of university students there, and to West Germany to work in an orphanage community (Michaelshofen). This team of students has been in the process of forming and developing as a community and earning group funds for the trip.

Faculty Forum: A small group of faculty members with a particular interest in how their Christian principles relate to their professional life in the university has met weekly during the term. This has been extremely small and somewhat irregular although those who are involved are very interested in the possibilities of the group. If it were better organized with a definite scheme and theme and were a little less cerebral, it would perhaps involve more persons. This interacting among faculty has been good, however, and has been shown in other contexts to be difficult to maintain.

Dorm Council: Representatives of each dormitory met weekly to share ways of reaching students in their dormitories, maintain a communications network between the dormitories and plan activities for all-campus events and dormitory activities. Evaluation: Don Hofman served very capably as chairman (as a member of the Assembly of God, he could motivate Christian students from many traditions). A better means of selecting the student representatives must be found.

Mural: The Centennial Mural, commissioned for the Alaska Purchase Centennial (1967) by the former Alaska Council of Churches under a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rasmuson, has been placed on permanent exhibit in the Elmer Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks Campus, by United Campus Ministry. Diagrammatic posters have been installed as well.

F. WESLEYAN HOSPITAL, SEWARD

Mildred Pelch, R.N., Administrator

This past year has been an exciting and busy year for Wesleyan Hospital. Through the combined efforts of the Board of Trustees and other interested citizens we were able to obtain a \$600,000 grant of mental health monies from the State of Alaska to aid in the construction of a 40 bed addition to the existing hospital. The Board of Missions gave its approval for this project. Construction began in June, 1971 by J. B. Warrack Company, who submitted the lowest bid. The building was designed by John Cobb, AIA of Pacific Architects and Engineers, Seattle, Washington.

Featured in the 12,845 square foot two story concrete building is a large day room overlooking beautiful Resurrection Bay and the mountains, administrative offices, reception room, nurses stations on each floor, an occupational therapy room, a T.V. room, examination room, ample storage areas, nurses call system, air exchange system and sprinkler system. Enlarged dining area for the patients will be in the existing building that was used as a general office. A dining room for employees will also be available. The entire decor used is to create a pleasant home-like environment for the long term patient. Sidewalks, landscaping and ample parking area will be provided. The exterior of the new addition will not be painted this year. Plans are to paint the new addition and the existing hospital next year a light cream color with brown trim. The total cost of construction is \$755,000 which includes blacktopping the parking area.

The hospital name is in the process of being changed to Wesleyan Nursing Home. In essence this is the type of service we give and no benefits will be lost by changing from hospital to nursing home. We do specialize in treating the long term incurable mental disease patients. Opening of the new addition will give a capacity of 64 beds. Dedication of the new wing is scheduled for July 2, 1972.

G. BIRCHWOOD CAMP, INCORPORATED

Howard L. DeVore, Chairman

"After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? We are simply God's servants. Each one of does the work the Lord gave him to do: I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow . . . we are partners working together for God." Such should be the text for this report since we both have a tendency to boast of our contribution this year to the development of Birchwood Camp and we need to see our accomplishments in the perspective of that "endless line of splendor."

In 1959, the Alaska Mission Journal carried this report:

"The big news of the year in Western Area camping was the purchase of the Cleo Lake campsite. This site, located about 19 miles north of Anchorage is 160 acres in size and contains within the site a 35 acre lake. The site was purchased by the Division of National Mission for \$18,000 from a private owner. With this site we will be free to develop a thorough and far-reaching camp program . . ."

It was a brave venture for Ted Townsend's committee, and those who remember say it happened because a concerned realtor took Fred McGinnis to a homesteader's fox farm and insisted it would be a great campsite for the Methodist Church. This action was set in motion by the Alaska Mission two years before when Richard Heacock brought in a report built on the counsel of Elizabeth Brown and James McGiffin that they "develop two Methodist Camps — Southeastern and Western."

Daniel Harlan reported progress in 1961 with the construction of a 16'x20' cabin (Caribou) and a well. It was the first year all camping activities were held at Birchwood with 101 youth attending. Benjamin Laird credited accomplishments in 1962 to a work camp led by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennet of Pennsylvania which built the well house cabin. The water and road system were improved. Wayne Hull was camp manager and guided development. In 1965, Leo Cramer reported:

"A new milestone in the development of Birchwood Methodist Camp was reached last September (1964) when ground breaking services were held for the new lodge building."

The lodge was dedicated in July of 1965 with Rev. Walter Hays delivering the sermon and the opening of a summer camping program that involved 154 persons. Robert Smay had chaired the committee on development and John Shaffer guided program. It was noted that A.M.U. had donated kitchen facilities, dining room furniture salvaged from the old Jesse Lee Home, a new ¾ ton pickup purchased, and electricity brought into the camp.

The next year relief from the tents came for some when two camper cabins were erected, and in 1967 one more went up. That summer, Terre Haute Youth built a bridge and boating-swimming dock and donated \$1,000 to encourage building a shower house, all under the watchful supervision of John Shaffer, camp superintendent. Winter use accommodated over five hundred persons (1967-68). This was the year the committee moved toward ecumenical representation and involvement. Leo Cramer noted that 1968 had several exciting developments including the construction of three more camper cabins by Don Doten's Michigan Workcampers and volunteers from Anchorage churches. The next summer, Elgin, Illinois, Workcampers helped break ground and frame footings for the shower house while Gene Groves supervised volunteers in doing the same for a caretaker's house. That fall a mason was hired to erect concrete walls for both, but completion of the buildings had to wait for another summer. This is where the past moves into the present that we may be guided toward the future.

The current operational year began early in 1971 with a projection of plans to complete the shower house and caretaker's cabin, a study and job description for the caretaker, and advertising for a camp caretaker. LeRoy Orth was contracted to serve as camp caretaker-manager beginning June 1, 1971, and to be compensated for same by the use of the new cabin. Employed and volunteer workers began construction on both projects in May. The shower house was operational by the middle of July at a total cost of \$7,704 which included another \$1,000 gift from Indiana Methodists. The caretaker's home was suitable for occupancy by July 15, but it was incomplete and work continued on it through the summer. Expenditures of the caretaker's home totaled \$16,761 and improvements of \$2,000 are planned for this fiscal year.

The "Winterization Project," initiated by a grant of \$15,000 from the Reese Lamb Foundation of Portland and inspired when Eugene Walters guided Mr. and Mrs. Reese Lamb to Birchwood last summer, has resulted in extensive modernization for the main lodge and camper cabins that expended \$20,267. A new hot water boiler and heating system, tiling and carpeting of the floor, exterior skirting, porch enclosure, rock fireplace, and electrical installation made the lodge more practical for winter use. Gun-fired hot air furnaces were installed in seven cabins. An additional \$1,573 was spent in 1971 for maintenance of the camp and road from the general fund.

The "Operation and Program Report" of the camp reveals the cost of camp salaries, program materials, utilities, food, camp scholarships, and equipment purchases totaled \$18,316 in 1971. This program was supported by \$4,717 in summer camp registrations, \$8,028 from an environmental camp, \$3,375 from other camp use fees, \$600 from the Alaska Mission Education Budget and other miscellaneous sources, not including \$1,000 from the National Division for camp truck operation. The National Division also contributed \$4,935 toward the shower house and caretaker's home. Supporting all three areas of budgeting for 1971. Shower house and Caretaker's home, Lodge and Cabin Winterization, and Program Operation were the receipts of \$19,031 from Alaska Methodist University's use of Birchwood in November for a Native Adult Education Program.

Winterizing Birchwood has doubled the use of the camp. Camp manager, LeRoy Orth, reports thirty-one groups with 823 persons at Birchwood between August 1971 and April 1972. Four more groups are scheduled for May with an estimated 170 persons expected and another fifty in June at a week long camp.

Program chairman, Thomas Whitehead, led an extensive counselor recruitment plan for the summer activities and successfully carried out the following camps:

Camp	Dean	Campers
Family Camp	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brooks	6 Families
Trail Hike	James Fellers	7
Canoe Camp	Bruce Bartell, Gary Lueck	13
Junior I	Dick Madden	33
Junior II	Don Hart	27
Junior High I	Thomas Whitehead	30
Junior High II	John Tindell	20
Middle High	Gene Walters	22
Senior Weekend	Chuck Eddy	0

Camp fee for 1971 was \$30 and continues to be the same for next summer. Staffs were bolstered by the assistance of Louise Davis for three weeks and Sharon Strode of Illinois the entire camping season. A Campership project was initiated that received gifts of \$446 and provided fees for twenty juniors from Barrow and three other minority children. The project will continue in 1972 with Imogene Barta of Jewel Lake Parish taking charge.

Plans for the 1972 season include two new offerings: a Junior Riverboat Camp in the Gulkana River Basin for youths entering the 6th and 7th grades and a second Senior High Canoe Camp.

On April 15, 1972, the newly incorporated Birchwood Camp of The Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church held its first meeting of record. The Board of Directors elected by representatives of United Methodist Churches of the Southcentral Area February 5, 1972, with instructions to incorporate Birchwood Camp were: Ac Wischmeier, Howard DeVore, Robert Bowers, Eugene Groves, Donald Judd, John Eaton and Mrs. Marvis Nelson. Thomas Whitehead, or his successor, as chairman of the Camp Program Council was added to the Board of Directors. At the first meeting of the new Birchwood Camp, Incorporated, Howard DeVore was elected chairman, Donald Judd vice-chairman, Marvis Nelson secretary, and Eugene Groves treasurer and financial officer. Robert Bowers was appointed Personnel Officer and Liaison for the corporation with the camp manager and all employed staff. These officers will serve until the annual meeting of the corporation to be held at Birchwood Camp on Saturday, September 30, 1972, at 10:00 a.m. At that meeting, each United Methodist Church of Southcentral Alaska will be represented by its pastor and one lay delegate. We recommend that the lay delegate be elected at the Fall Charge Conference each year to serve the next calendar year.

The next phase of development at Birchwood Camp is a program of long range planning and projection of future use in order to determine the priorities for available and desired funds. The Board now realizes the need for additional indoor classroom and recreational space, workshop and maintenance facilities, staff housing, and more camper cabins. Other possibilities are parking and camping sites for trailers, primitive tent camping areas, and family tenting areas. A development which offers some promise of augmenting and supplementing our own program is the proposed Anchorage Borough Park that would border Birchwood on three sides (military impact area on the

fourth) and include swimming at Beach Lake, bridle trails, camper parks, tenting areas, and hiking trails in summer. Snowmobiling, skiing and skating areas would be developed for winter sports. Recent public hearings favor this development.

While the Board of Directors and Birchwood Camp, Incorporated will be a United Methodist structure, the new Birchwood Program Council provides for Broad ecumenical representation, participation and involvement. It will meet at least twice yearly and hold an annual meeting on the same day as the corporation, September 30 in 1972.

Tribute should be proclaimed for an unnumbered and unnamed army of volunteers who have contributed time and materials as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, counselors, deans, cooks and committeemen. But we must name Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Orth with great appreciation for the long suffering patience while waiting for the caretaker's home to be completed, the many hours on the road for supplies, the faithful supervision and management, and the kind of dedication that has made Birchwood Camp a Christian Ministry of which we can be proud.

3. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**(Formerly: WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD)**

Jean Stassel, President

Leap in Faith is what Christian women are called to do in this age of change and uncertainty. As women in the Alaska Mission meet in 17 Women's Societies and four Wesleyan Service Guilds, we are challenged to move from the arena of study into the arena of ACTION.

How to be Effective Legislatively was the theme of a seminar in Washington, D. C., attended by Jackie Oberg in January. Coalition with other groups pressing for similar legislation was stressed.

Conference Goals for the Year were set at the annual meeting in Anchorage October 7. Around these goals, program emphases have been built:

1. To reaffirm the purpose and scope of the Women's Society to meet the very real needs of women (Ann Eaton, Regional Secretary, itinerated through the Societies in October with each local society setting the agenda.)
2. To become aware of important issues by conscientious study and to work toward realistic activities in these areas (Spring Zone meetings, held in the Kenai Peninsula, Southeastern, and Anchorage areas, were concerned with Welfare issues and legislation, drug misuse and what one woman can do.)
3. To leap into unity through communications in the Alaska Mission (Conference officers participated in local societies in Missionary Education, Officer Training, and Program Area emphasis — Sitka and Ketchikan women gathered at Juneau for the Spring Zone meeting — the Northern Highlight newsletter went to all local officers.)

Development of all persons has been one theme this past year: development of the powerless, development of the peoples of the third world, and development of the leadership potential of women in the church. Participating in the seminar at Lincoln, Nebraska, were Rachel Jones and Jean Stassel. An Enrichment Experience in California was attended by Joyce Carlson.

Quadrennial Jurisdiction Society-Guild meeting held in Portland in April was attended by Eleanor Horutz and Dora Cottle. Grace Wilson was elected to the Committee on moninations.

1972 GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION

A new women's organization in the United Methodist Church was approved by General Conference action in Atlanta, Ga., in April. The Women's Division comes under a new Board of Global Ministries and provides for a new women's organization in the church named **United Methodist Women**. The purpose of this new inclusive organization, which will take the place of the old Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, is:

- to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

- to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and

- to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The organization, at the local level, shall hold such meetings for implementing its purpose and transacting its business as the unit itself shall decide.

The Alaska Mission was represented for the first time at any General Conference by voice without vote. Lay delegate was Jean Stassel and Ministerial delegate was David Fison.

VIII. ALASKA MISSION CONFERENCE RULES

(Because rules are to be revised so as to conform to the actions of the 1972 General Conference and the 1972 Session of Annual Conference, they are not printed in this journal. They may be found in the 1971 Journal of the Alaska Mission or in the 1972 Annual Meeting Handbook)

IX. THE ROLL OF THE DEAD

The following named persons were memorialized at the communion service of Tuesday evening, May 30th, 1972:

LAY PERSONS IN THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE:

J. B. Chick — Anchorage, First
Larry Stassel — Anchorage First
Leslie Keller — Anchorage, Anchor Park
Mrs. Louis Tungwenuk, Nome
Mrs. Andrew Nerland, Nome
James E. Whitney — Juneau
Mrs. Leigh S. Grant — Douglas Community
Kim S. Bussell — Sitka

BISHOPS AND BISHOP'S WIVES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop J. Costen Harrell
Mrs. Ralph Cushman
Mrs. Edwin R. Garrison
Mrs. Paul B. Kern
Mrs. Elmer W. Praetorious

X. HISTORICAL SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

No.	Year	Place	Bi-shop	Superintendent	Host
26	1967	Fairbanks	Raines	Groves	Fison
27	1968	A.M.U.-Anchorage	Phillips	Groves	McGinnis
28	1969	A.M.U.-Anchorage	Palmer	Groves	McGinnis
29	1970	A.M.U.-Anchorage	Palmer	Wischmeier	McGinnis
30	1971	A.M.U.-Anchorage	Sparks	Wischmeier	Davis
31	1972	A.M.U.-Anchorage	Sparks	Wischmeier	Picton

XI. HISTORICAL ROSTER OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ALASKA

(See the 1971 and 1966 Journals for the complete roster)

XII. 1973 BUDGETS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. General Budget of the Conference

1. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

	1972 Figures	1973 Budget
a. Episcopal Fund An apportionment from General Conference based on 2% of the cash salaries paid minister and associates. This fund provides salaries, housing, office and travel expense for active bishops, pensions for retired bishops and aid for widows and children of deceased bishops.	1,646	1,480
b. Pension and Death Benefit For the cost of pensions for 16 active ministers and all retired ministers with Alaska Mission Pension claim at \$50.00 rate plus death benefit program for 16 members.	6,187	6,187
c. Superintendent's Salary, Travel, Car, Entertainment, and Utility Budget The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$3,450 which includes \$11,500 cash salary, \$3,100 travel, \$500 entertainment fund, \$900 car, and \$1,200 utilities.	3,350	3,450
d. Alaska Mission Ministerial Support	12,368	12,368
TOTAL MINISTERIAL SUPPORT	\$23,551	\$23,485

2. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION

e. Temporary General Aid Fund An apportionment from General Conference to help equalize salaries and pensions.	507	507
f. General Administration Fund Our share of the general administration of our United Methodist Church.	805	805
g. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund An apportionment from the General Conference for our support of the National and World Council of Churches.	417	417
h. Jurisdictional Fund An apportionment for the cost of the Quadrennial Western Jurisdictional Conference.	72	85
i. Ministerial Education Fund An apportionment from General Conference started in 1970. This fund is used in support of our seminaries and scholarship assistance. One-fourth of the amount raised remains in the Mission for scholarship aid.	1,000	1,333
j. Mission Office Fund The National Division supplies all but the \$5,823 for a total budget of \$20,025 which includes rent, operations, and salaries for a bookkeeper and a secretary.	5,823	5,823
k. Annual Meeting The National Division provides \$4,500 in addition to our \$1,000 to care for the cost of Annual Meeting.	1,000	1,000
l. Black College Fund		723
TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUNDS	\$ 9,624	\$10,693

3. WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

	1972 Figures	1973 Budget
m. World Service	2,775	2,775
Received on apportionment from the General Conference and accepted by our Mission.		
n. Conference Benevolences		
(1) Program Council	7,379	7,389
See detailed budget for Program Council.		
(2) World Service and Finance Comm.	400	450
Budget meeting expense.		
(3) All-Mission Steward and Finance Campaign		2,500
(4) Contingency Fund	528	500
Less: Unexpended Reserves	(1,354)	(2,500)
Native Children's Fund	(200)	(200)
TOTAL WORLD SERVICE	\$ 9,528	\$11,514

S U M M A R Y

1. Ministerial Support	\$23,551	\$23,485
2. Connectional Administration	9,624	10,693
3. World Service & Conference Benevolences	9,528	11,514
TOTAL MISSION BUDGET	\$42,703	\$45,692
Total Budget, 1971	\$38,821	
10% increase of 1971	3,882	
	\$42,703	\$42,703
Total Budget, 1972		2,989
7% increase of 1972		
Budget, 1972		\$45,692

B. 1973 Budget of the Program Council

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY\$ 500.00

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Camping	
Nome	\$ 200.00
Western	700.00
Southeast	700.00
Central	200.00
	\$1,800.00
Higher Education	
Campus Ministry, Anchorage	\$ 500.00
Audio-Visual Library	300.00
	\$ 800.00



The Program Council

Age Level Budgets

Children	\$ 500.00
Youth Summer Service	200.00
Youth, General Youth Work	150.00
Adult	30.00
Family	30.00

Worship 150.00

Administrative

Telephone and Resource Packets	\$ 105.00
Miscellaneous	50.00

\$ 155.00

TOTAL CHRISTIAN NURTURE BUDGET:\$3,815.00
LESS INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES: 1,650.00

A-V Receipts	\$ 225.00	\$2,165.00	\$2,165.00
Youth Service Fund Return	25.00		
Advance Specials	1,200.00		
Christian Ed. Sunday	200.00		
	\$1,650.00		

LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY \$ 50.00

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Ecumenical Affairs

Alaska Christian Conference	\$1,100.00
Travel, A.C.C. Delegates	500.00
Church of the Epiphany, Valdez	300.00
Educational Materials	50.00
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	\$1,950.00

Missions

Travel Assistance, Dir. School of Mission	\$ 330.00
Travel Assitance, Youth Delegate	100.00
In School Staff Expenses	100.00
Delegate, International World Mission Conference	150.00
Alaska Mission Conf. Interpretation & Promotion	50.00
New Work Project	150.00
Publicity, School of Mission	50.00
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	\$ 930.00

Evangelism (\$50. from reserves)\$ 250.00

Ministrial Training (Pastor's & Wives Retreat) 844.00

TOTAL CHRISTIAN OUTREACH BUDGET\$3,974.00 \$3,974.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Program Council Expenses	\$ 950.00
Historical Society	150.00
Contingency Fund	200.00
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	\$1,300.00
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	\$1,300.00

GRAND TOTAL, PROGRAM COUNCIL\$7,989.00

XIII STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1971

Acct. No.		Balance Jan. 1, 1971	Receipts	Disburse- ments	Balance Dec. 31 1971
2000	Ministerial Support	.00	12645.04	12645.0	.00
2012	Conference Claimants Fund	8401.52	8369.63	16639.29	131.86
3020	Connectional Administration	.00	9782.84	9782.84	.00
4030	World Service	.00	17849.14	17849.14	.00
4031	World Service Specials	.00	159.43	159.43	.00
4032	General Advance Specials	.00	635.66	635.66	.00
4033	1 Great Hour of Sharing	.00	1462.27	1462.27	.00
4034	World Wide Communion	.00	499.50	499.50	.00
4036	Methodist Student Day	.00	214.86	214.86	.00
4037	Youth Service Fund	.00	20.00	20.00	.00
4038	Race Relations Sunday	.00	472.99	472.99	.00
4039	A.M.U.	.00	1023.78	1023.78	.00
4041	Fund for Reconciliation	2596.04	1673.54	2336.77	1932.81
4044	Christian Education Sunday	.00	537.16	537.16	.00
4047	Jesse Lee Home	.00	55.00	55.00	.00
4048	Conf. Advance Specials	.00	647.29	647.29	.00
5050A	Conf. Benevolence Reserves	2775.34	2386.90	500.50	4661.74
5051	Board of Education	.00	4580.05	4580.05	.00
5052A	Audio-Visual Library	.00	1157.00	945.88	211.12
5054	Western Area Camp Develop.	237.00	66.50	303.50	.00
5054A	West'n Area Camp Program	1140.46	18674.41	21889.46	(2074.59)
5054B	Central AK Camp Com.	466.75	200.00	200.00	466.75
5054C	Birchwool Campship Fund	.00	89.00	.00	89.00
5055	Cache of Songs	267.50	55.00	.00	322.50
5056	Board of Social Concerns	.00	150.00	150.00	.00
5071	Board of Social Concerns	.00	350.00	350.65	.00
5071A	Alcoholism Work of Soc. Con.	.00	62.07	15.80	46.27
5072	Board of Evangelism	.00	75.00	75.00	.00
5073	Board of Missions	.00	930.00	930.00	.00
5074	Program Council	.00	1529.95	1529.95	.00
5074A	Program Director Exp.	.00	583.35	583.35	.00
5075	Ecumenical Affairs	.00	1055.00	1055.00	1045.00
5076	Commission on Worship	.00	200.00	200.00	.00
5077	Ministerial Educ. Fund	(108.00)	750.00	750.00	142.00
5079	Student Work	.00	400.00	400.00	.00
5080	World Serv. & Finance	.00	325.00	325.00	.00
5081	Contingency Fund	.00	194.00	194.00	.00
5716	Hosp. & Med. Exp. Program	(1435.40)	7667.12	7827.80	(1596.08)
TOTAL		14341.21	98824.13	107786.96	5378.38

B. Board of Missions Funds Invested in Alaska — 1971

1. Salary Subsidy for Pastoral Support and United Campus Ministry	\$ 69,755
2. Mission Office	16,884
3. Superintendent's Budget	13,350
4. Program Council Director's Budget (5 months salary)	7,050
5. Pastor's School	500
6. Annual Meeting	4,500
7. Mission Cars	1,000
8. Birchwood Truck	1,000
9. Advance Specials for AMU	70,451
10. Alaska Children's Services	47,000
11. Nome Community Center	12,000
12. Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital Budget Support	14,300
13. Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital Exterior Painting	13,500
14. Transportation for Outside Vacations for Mission Families	12,623
15. Travel for Death in the Family	523
16. Rent on Anchorage Duplex	1,750
17. Advance Specials from South Indiana	3,213
18. Mission Church Extension	5,000
19. Moving Expenses for Six Moves (Estimated)	10,000
20. Insurance on Mission Property (Estimated)	4,500
TOTAL	\$308,899

C. Statistical Report

JANUARY 1, 1971 to DECEMBER 31, 1971

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

NO.	CHARGE CHURCH PASTOR	TOTAL MEMBERS END OF LAST YEAR	RECEIVED ON CON- FESSION OF FAITH OR RESTORED	RECEIVED FROM OTHER U.M.C. OTHER	DENOMINATIONS REMOVED BY CHD.	CONF. ACTION OR WITHDRAWN	REMOVED BY TRANS- FER TO OTHER U.M.C.	REMOVED BY TRANS- FER TO OTHER DENOM.	REMOVED BY DEATH	TOTAL MEMBERS AT CLOSE OF 1971	AVERAGE ATTEND. AT PRINCIPAL WEEKLY WORSHIP	BAPTIZED THIS YEAR	PREPARATORY MEM- BERS ON THE ROLL
1.	ANCHOR PARK-ANC Robert Bowers	385	13	38	3	7	38	2	2	390	150	10	325
2.	EAST ANCHORAGE-ANC John Tindell	167	4	33	4	9	12	0	0	187	157	19	63
3.	FIRST-ANCHORAGE Eugene Walters Ernest Jones	932	20	58	3	66	10	3	0	934	262	32	317
4.	JEWEL LAKE-ANCHORAGE Thomas Whitehead	0	2	20	1	0	0	0	0	23	13	1	21
5.	ST. JOHN-ANCHORAGE GIRWOOD Howard DeVore	91 7	5 0	10 0	2 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	107 7	82 10	2 0	48 7
6.	TURNAGAIN-ANCHORAGE Thomas Whitehead	277	5	10	10	31	14	6	2	249	124	19	125
7.	CHUGIAK Eugene Groves	135	1	19	1	23	3	4	1	125	60	9	35
8.	FAIRBANKS David Fison	652	23	19	9	4	31	14	2	652	153	21	236
9.	HOMER PARISH HOMER NINILCHIK SELDOVIA ANCHOR POINT James Thompson	100 44 19 18	2 0 1 0	0 0 1 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	102 44 21 18	41 29 10 0	0 0 0 0	14 16 4 0
10.	JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH DOUGLAS JUNEAU John Shaffer	84 257	0 1	2 8	0 0	0 5	3 7	0 2	0 2	83 250	20 90	1 1	25 76
11.	KENAI PARISH CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT Bruce Bartel NORTH STAR SOLDOTNA James Fellers	169 43 64	6 2 0	11 0 2	7 2 0	23 0 0	1 2 1	2 0 0	0 0 0	167 45 65	85 26 32	9 0 3	81 29 42
12.	KETCHIKAN Charles Horner (Bruce Botelho)	385	3	2	2	11	5	0	2	374	114	4	156
13.	NOME Walter Hays, Jr.	145	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	145	53	5	78
14.	SEWARD MOOSE PASS Gary Luack	106 26	3 0	5 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	3 0	0 0	107 26	42 9	1 0	39 8
15.	SITKA Donald Hartman	106	5	5	5	0	6	0	1	114	50	8	43
TOTALS		4202	96	246	49	181	138	36	13	4235	1602	145	1788

STATISTICAL REPORT (CONTINUED)													UNITED METHODIST WOMEN		PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS				
CHURCH SCHOOL																			
NO.	NO. OF LEADERS	CHILDREN IN ALL CLASSES & GRPS THRU 6TH GRADE	YOUTH	ADULTS	TOTAL CH. SCH. MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	NO. OF ONGOING CLASSES & GRPS FOR LEARNING	NO. SHORT-TERM CLASSES & GRPS FOR LEARNING	MEMBERSHIP UNITED METH. WOMEN	AMT. PAID FOR LOCAL WORK	NO. GROUPS	VALUE--CH. LAND BUDOS, EQUIPT.	VALUE--CH. OWNED PARSONAGE & FURNITURE	VALUE--OTHER ASSETS (CASH, BONDS, PROPERTY ETC.)	UNPAID BAL. ON INDEBTEDNESS	ON ASSETS & PROPERTY			
1.	30	110	30	39	209	130	19	15	37	518	0	272,840	40,000	15,000		45,000			
2.	21	90	31	27	169	117	7	4	38	100	0	200,000	38,000	3,600		72,000			
3.	23	115	52	68	258	114	13	11	96	250	0	900,000	49,000	0		20,675			
4.	4	17	7	3	31	10	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
5.	8 0	65 0	11 0	0 0	84 0	56 0	0 0	1 0	12 0	1329 0	0	160,000 40,000	50,000 0	0 0	0 0	17,681 725			
6.	32	99	28	36	195	96	14	27	20	204	0	351,600	43,000	0		39,614			
7.	30	60	24	20	134	38	10	2	13	0	0	240,000	41,320	885		22,184			
8.	36	157	61	37	291	127	14	7	43	243	0	700,000	50,000	0		92,898			
9.	11 6 8 0	19 19 6 0	6 16 8 0	0 12 8 0	36 53 30 0	13 18 8 0	4 3 1 0	0 2 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	120,000 80,000 80,000 10,000	80,000 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0			
10.	12 25	22 50	10 20	20 15	64 110	33 70	7 10	11 12	0 40	0 153	0 0	80,000 15,000	33,000 41,500	3,511 129,970	0	0 0			
11.	15 5 8	76 24 23	20 8 7	23 6 17	134 43 55	81 19 32	11 5 4	3 5 9	25 11 12	997 350 46	0 0 0	187,000 15,000 58,000	44,000 12,950 47,700	0 1,449 200	0	29,619 0 8,800			
12.	16	80	35	24	155	110	15	5	40	350	0	308,500	28,000	4,597		25,673			
13.	13	72	31	36	152	54	10	5	40	601	0	290,000	5,000	17,285		0			
14.	10 0	30 0	12 0	0 0	52 0	25 0	4 0	6 0	15 0	157 0	0 0	90,000 15,000	51,000 0	6,500 0	0	2,080 0			
15.	7	22	16	20	65	30	10	4	0	0	0	104,000	32,000	0		12,000			
	320	1156	433	411	2320	1181	164	134	442	5791	0	4316,140	686,470	182,937		371,268			

D. Financial Report

JANUARY 1, 1971 to DECEMBER 31, 1971

JANUARY 1, 1971 to DECEMBER 31, 1971																
NO.	BALANCE OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS	CURRENT EXPENSES	PRINCIPAL & INT PAID ON INDEBTEDNESS	BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS	CHURCH SCHOOL EXPENSES	OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN	MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES	TOTAL PAID ON PASTOR'S SALARIES	TOTAL PAID ON PASTOR'S TRAVEL EXPENSE	TOTAL PAID ON PARSONAGE UTILITY EXPENSES	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT	CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION	WORLD SERVICE	WORLD SERVICE SPECIAL OFFERINGS	GENERAL ADVANCED SPECIAL GIFTS
1.	0	2340	1078	1103	10000	602	0	8780	1400	0	1014	802	1367	0	0	
2.	0	3900	900	1200	5670	270	50	3200	1500	0	383	303	517	0	64	
3.	0	443	1663	979	29179	0	55	16893	3000	2014	2560	2024	3450	0	0	
4.	0	0	74	154	3105	0	426	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5.	638 0	4260 75	397 21	526 0	4241 232	141 0	82 0	1500 0	160 600	1200 0	260 25	205 19	350 33	0 0	0 0	
6.	0	7901	150	1097	14515	0	740	8700	1500	1500	1088	861	1467	0	83	
7.	0	3172	0	487	3312	0	0	2520	600	1200	383	303	517	0	0	
8.	0	17215	5519	5426	18825	856	100	11449	2000	2850	1756	1389	2368	100	100	
9.	0 0 0 0 0	0 101 0 0 0	79 36 0 0 0	361 349 0 0 0	2800 715 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	1400 675 0 0 0	400 250 0 0 0	1356 0 0 0 0	247 87 37 37	196 68 29 29	333 117 50 50	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	
10.	0 0	0 0	2771 2048	313 880	2313 11550	0 620	159 659	2700 5550	0 1600	0 1281	322 891	254 704	434 1201	0 0	0 75	
11.	0 0	6519 0 705	340 84 0	1257 91 140	11884 2710 2140	285 64 60	0 710 90	5800 600 600	1200 900 802	782 900 600	581 136 210	460 108 166	784 183 284	59 0 0	0 0 0	
12.	0	10965	4721	1087	10022	0	150	9920	1200	1393	1224	968	1651	0	0	
13.	1930	0	0	710	7400	413	250	500	250	0	359	287	484	0	16	
14.	0 0	600 0	2610 87	190 32	2740 324	244 0	30 0	1830 400	1248 252	1423 0	359 74	284 59	484 100	0 0	0 0	
15.	0	4000	315	157	4776	0	0	1550	1200	0	334	264	450	0	120	
TOTALS	2568	62196	22893	16739	118453	3555	3501	84567	20062	16499	12367	9782	16674	159	458	

FINANCIAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

NO.	ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	WORLD WIDE COMMUNION OFF.	UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY	YOUTH SERVICE FUND	RACE RELATIONS FUND	FUND FOR RECONCILIATION	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY	HIGHER EDUCATION	CONFERENCE SPECIALS	CONFERENCE SALARY SHARING	GRAND TOTAL PAID--ALL CAUSES
1.	0	85	0	0	0	0	11	0	116	125	29153
2.	81	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18061
3.	355	0	138	0	75	0	165	264	0	0	63257
4.	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	3981
5.	17 0	21 0	0 0	0 0	6 0	0 0	21 0	0 0	45 0	0 52	13462 1057
6.	0	62	0	0	23	0	26	0	0	400	40113
7.	16	9	0	0	24	53	26	0	5	0	12627
8.	204	134	60	20	108	1000	52	0	183	300	72014
9.	12 0 0 0	9 32 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2	107 14 0 0	14 0 0 0	38 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	7352 2444 116 118
10.	51 251	5 21	0 0	0 0	29 62	47 223	8 24	0 0	0 100	600 1200	10006 28980
11.	84 8 13	2 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	41 6 4	0 0 0	22 0 0	0 0 0	44 11 0	0 0 0	30144 6511 5711
12.	127	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	500	43938
13.	47	0	13	0	22	25	18	50	42	0	10886
14.	19 6	51 8	0 0	0 0	39 2	138 45	8 7	0 0	0 0	0 0	12297 1396
15.	78	37	4	0	19	40	28	184	6	0	13562
TOTAL	1161	499	215	20	470	1573	537	512	629	3377	427189

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XIV. CONFERENCE DIRECTORIES

A. Lay Members and Addresses

ANCHORAGE:

ANCHOR PARK — Mrs. David (Donna) Froula, 2947 E. 80th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

EAST ANCHORAGE — Mrs. Marjorie Wooster, 7342 Madelynn Way, Anchorage, Alaska 99504

FIRST — Mr. Ernest Gillam, 6900 Foothill Dr., Anchorage, Alaska 99504

ST. JOHN — Mr. Robert Smay, Box 10235, Klatt Station, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

TURNAGAIN — Mrs. John (Betty) Ratterman, 2132 Arlington Dr. N, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

CHUGIAK — Mrs. Christopher (Natalie) Brooks, Star Rte., Box 520, Chugiak, Alaska 99567

FAIRBANKS — Dr. Robert Terry, English Dept., U. of A., College, Alaska 99701

HOMER PARISH — Mrs. Vern (Bernadine) Mutch, Box 425, Homer, Alaska 99603

JUNEAU-DOUGLAS — Mrs. Robert (Julie) Isaac, Box 223, Douglas, Alaska 99824

KENAI PARISH-CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT — Mrs. Jess (Carolyn) Nicholas, Box 177, Kenai, Alaska 99611

KENAI PARISH-SOLDOTNA-NORTH STAR — Mr. Dennis Steffy, Box 859, Soldotna, Alaska 99669

KETCHIKAN — Dr. James Wilson, 659 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

NOME — Mr. Dwight Tevuk, Box 635, Nome, Alaska 99762

SEWARD — Mrs. Robert (Elizabeth) Richardson, Box 1146, Seward, Alaska 99664

SITKA — Mr. Edward White, Box 392, Sitka, Alaska 99835

B. Addresses of Interest

Mrs. A. Raymond Grant, 1100 39th Street, Sacramento, California 95816

Dr. and Mrs. Meredith A. Groves, 5145 S. Lincoln, Portland, Oregon 97215

Mrs. Everett W. Palmer, 606 D Avenida Sevilla, Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, 5453 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46203

James Thompson, Box 222, Homer, Alaska 99603

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Walters, Box 5205, Aloha, Oregon 97005

C. Personal Record and Addresses of the Ministers of the Conference

NOTE: The following notation is used to designate the Conference relationship: A, for leave of absence; D, for Deacon; LD, for Local Deacon; DS, for District Superintendent; E, for Elder; LE, for Local Elder; P, for Probationer; R, for Retired; S, for Supernumerary; Sc, left without appointment to attend school; Sp, for Special Appointment; Sy, for Supply; SY, for Sabbatical Year; AM, for Associate Member.

BARTEL, BRUCE ALLEN

Entered the United Methodist ministry in Wis. Conf. (EBU); On Trial, 1965; D, 1969; E, 1970; EDUCATION: Wisconsin State University—Stevens Point, 1966; Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1970; APPOINTMENTS: Milladore, Wis, 1965; Wisconsin Rapids (Assoc.), 1965; Alaska Mission, First—Anchorage (Assoc.), 1970; Kenai—Church of the New Covenant, 1971.

WIFE: Kathleen Ann; CHILDREN: Tami—Born June 1972.

HOME AND CHURCH ADDRESS: Box 428, Kenai, Alaska 99611

HOME AND CHURCH PHONE: 283-7868

BOWERS, ROBERT, DALE

Entered the United Methodist ministry in South, Iowa Conf.; On Trial, 1958; D, 1959; E, 1961; EDUCATION: Drake University, 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: South Iowa Conf., Victor-Immanuel, 1961; East Wis. Conf., Brookfield, 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1967; Kenai—Church of the New Covenant, 1969; Anchor Park—Anchorage, 1971.

WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Stephen, 10-24-61; Carolyn, 10-13-63; Christine, 1-24-66; David, 1-2-68.

CHURCH ADDRESS: 2300 Oak Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99504; PHONE: 277-0152

HOME ADDRESS: 2008 Dimond Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99507; PHONE: 344-5202

DEVORE, HOWARD LEWIS

Entered the United Methodist Ministry in Iowa — Des Moines Conf. On Trial, 1960; D, 1952; E, 1954; EDUCATION: Centerville Junior College, 1948; Iowa Wesleyan College, 1950; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Iowa—Des Moines Conf., Mt. Union, 1950; Gravity, 1954; Menlo, 1958; Alaska Mission, Nome, 1962; St. John-Hope, 1966; Fairbanks, 1972.

WIFE: Betty Jean; CHILDREN: Joel Stephen, 6-10-51; Jon Michael, 12-10-54.

CHURCH ADDRESS: 915 Second Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701; PHONE: 452-2956

HOME ADDRESS: 1020 Gilmore, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701; PHONE: 452-2700.

FELLERS, JAMES ROBERT

Entered the University Methodist Ministry, Central Kansas Conf.; On Trial 1967; Kansas West Conf., D, 1967; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1966; Candler School of Theology, 1969; APPOINTMENTS: North Georgia, Belvedere (Associate), 1966; Alaska Mission, North Star, 1969; North Star—Soldotna, 1970.

WIFE: Faye; CHILDREN: Walter, b. July 1971; BROTHER-IN-LAW: Ray Gilkey.

HOME AND CHURCH ADDRESS: Box 203, Soldotna, Alaska 99669; PHONE: 262-4958.

NORTH STAR ADDRESS: North Star Route 1, Kenai, Alaska 99611

NORTH STAR PHONE: 776-8263.

FISON, DAVID KONRAD

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Rock River Conf.; On Trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1956; EDUCATION: William Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952; Ingelside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage—First, 1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore West, 1972.

WIFE: Aleen; CHILDREN: Susan Renee, 6-20-47; Deborah Ann, 3-19-53; Paul Wesley, 8-1-58; Jane Elizabeth, 7-20-61; David James, 9-23-63.

HOME AND CHURCH ADDRESS: Star Route A, Box 33, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

CHURCH PHONE: 344-3025

HOME PHONE: 344-1709

GAY, RICHARD RODDA

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Philadelphia Conf.; On Trial, 1954; D, 1944; Pittsburgh Conf., E, 1946; Full Connection, 1947; EDUCATION: Ursinus College, 1942; Drew University School of Theology, 1945; University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School, 1949; APPOINTMENTS: Philadelphia Conf., Evansburg, 1941; St. Johns, 1943; Hulmeville, 1944; Pittsburgh Conf., Pittsburgh First (Assoc.), 1946; Dir. of Rel. Act. and Ast. Prof. of Rel., Ohio Wesleyan U., 1950; Asst. to the Pres., Ohio Wesleyan U., 1954; Warrenburg, Ohio Church, 1956; Alaska Mission, Assoc. Prof. of Rel. and Philos. and Chaplain, AMU, 1960; Rabbit Creek Mission (Church of the Beloved Disciple), 1961; Prof. of Rel. and Philos. and University Chaplain, AMU, 1962.

WIFE: Averill; CHILDREN: Judith, Patricia, Sheryl, Richard, 4-25-55; Jerilee, 6-28-60.

HOME AND OFFICE ADDRESS: Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, Ak. 99504

HOME PHONE: 272-9765.

GILBERT, RICHARD E.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, New York Conference; On Trial, 1964; D. 1964; E. 1966. EDUCATION: Albion College, 1953; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1958. APPOINTMENTS: Director of Christian Education, Children's Village, Detroit, Michigan, 1958; White Plains, New York (Assoc.), 1964; Alaska Mission, Dir., Jesse Lee Home, 1966; Exec. Dir., Alaska Children's Services, 1970. WIFE: Mary; CHILDREN: Marilyn, Mark. HOME AND OFFICE ADDRESS: 4600 Abbott Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507. HOME AND OFFICE PHONE: 344-9611

GROVES, LELAND EUGENE

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Oregon Conf., On Trial, 1959; D. 1960; E. 1962; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1957; Chicago Theological Seminary, Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, 1961. APPOINTMENTS: Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1961; Alaska Mission, Anchorage First, (Assoc.), 1963; Sc., 1966; Fairbanks (Assoc.), Dir. Wesley Foundation, 1967; Chugiak, 1969. WIFE: LaRae; CHILDREN: Jeffry, 12-9-69. HOME AND OFFICE ADDRESS: Box 355, Eagle River 99577. OFFICE PHONE: 688-2353. HOME PHONE: 694-2318

HARTMAN, DONALD LEE

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Pittsburgh; On Trial, 1959; D. 1959; E. 1962. EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1953; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962. APPOINTMENTS: Kentucky, Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Assoc.), 1962; Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First-Anchorage (Assoc.), 1966; Anchorage-First (Assoc.) and Girdwood, 1968; Sitka, 1970. WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN: Karl Bradford, 7-24-56; Jeanette Lynn, 7-22-57; Kurt Brian, 1-14-59; Janet Lee, 6-7-60. HOME AND OFFICE ADDRESS: Box 223, Sitka, Alaska 99835. HOME AND OFFICE PHONE: 747-8775

HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Ohio Conf.; On Trial, 1959; D. 1961; E. 1963; EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, 1960; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio Conf., Neward — First (Asst.), 1960; Alaska Mission, Exec. Sec., Board of Ed., 1963; Dir. of Prog. Council, 1969; Nome, 1971. WIFE: Lydia; CHILDREN: Thomas Campbell, 9-24-63; Robert Kim, 2-29-65; Kenneth Richard, 4-8-67. HOME AND OFFICE ADDRESS: Box 296, Nome, Alaska 99762. HOME AND OFFICE PHONE: 443-2865

HORNER, CHARLES W.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, South Dakota Conf.; On Trial, 1955; D. 1955; E. 1957; EDUCATION: Dakota Wesleyan University, 1953; Drew Theological Seminary, 1957; APPOINTMENTS: Newark Conf., Sparrowbush-Rio, 1963; South Dakota Conf., Coleman-Wellman, 1957; Spearfish-First, 1960; Alaska Mission, Turnagain-Anchorage, 1964; Ketchikan, 1970. WIFE: Doris; CHILDREN: Charles Ray, 12-1-53; Nancy Ellen, 7-16-55; Gregory Glenn, 9-24-57; Deanna Dee, 8-6-59. HOME AND CHURCH ADDRESS: Box 1410, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901. CHURCH PHONE: 225-3780. HOME PHONE: 255-2487

LUECK, GARY ALLEN

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Minnesota Conf. (EBU); Cert. of Licensure, 1964; E. 1966; EDUCATION: North Central College, 1961; Evangelische Pedagog Seminary, Germany, 1962; Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1966. APPOINTMENTS: Minnesota Conference (EBU), Pleasant Prairie-Granada, 1966; Pleasant Prairie-Delavan, 1967; Alaska Mission, Seward-Moose Pass-Cooper Landing, 1969. WIFE: Pirooska; CHILDREN: Vanesse Pirooska, 5-5-70. HOME AND CHURCH ADDRESS: Box 5, Seward, Alaska 99664. HOME AND CHURCH PHONE: 224-5624

MORRISON, RICHARD ALLEN

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Mich. Conf.; On Trial, 1967; D. 1967; E. 1970. EDUCATION: Central Michigan University, 1960-63; Ferris State University, 1962-63; W-Michigan University, 1965; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1969. APPOINTMENTS: Student Intern, Asst. Chaplain, Ohio Wesleyan U., 1969; Jackson-First (Associate), 1969; Benton Harbor-New Hope, 1971; Alaska Mission Conf., Jewel Lake Parish, 1972. WIFE: Dianne; CHILDREN: Stephen Cory, 7-9-69. OFFICE ADDRESS: 3833 Strawberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. HOME ADDRESS: 2901 Sheldon Jackson, Anchorage, Alaska 99504. OFFICE AND HOME PHONES: (Not available at this time) and

NELSON, ROBERT WILLIAM

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, South Cal.-Ariz. Conf.; On Trial, 1962; D. 1962; E. 1965; EDUCATION: El Camino College, 1958; Univ. of Cal.-Los Angeles, 1961; Claremont School of Theology, 1965. APPOINTMENTS: Sou. Cal.-Ariz. Conf., Cermont Square, Los Angeles, 1962; Alaska Mission, Kenai-Church of the New Covenant, 1965; Fairbanks-First (Assoc.), Dir. Wesley Foundation, 1969; Dir. United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks, 1970. WIFE: Norma; CHILDREN: Erik Tighe, 2-9-64; Lynette Susan, 11-27-66. HOME AND OFFICE ADDRESS: 851 University Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. HOME PHONE: 479-2327

SHAFFER, JOHN JAY

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Cent. Ill. Conf.; On Trial, 1960; D. 1960; E. 1960. EDUCATION: Ill. Wesleyan U., 1969; Garrett Theol. Sem., 1962. APPOINTMENTS: Cent. Ill. Conf., Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Assoc.), 1959; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Juneau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970; WIFE: Barbara
OFFICE ADDRESS: Box 186, Juneau, Alaska 99801
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TINDELL, JOHN R.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Florida Conf.; On Trial, 1959; D. 1959; E. 1963. EDUCATION: Florida Southern Coll., 1969; Candler School of Theol., 1963; Student, University of Edinburgh, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conf. Mirimar, 1961; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East Anchorage, 1970. WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN: Raymond Sidney, 3-29-60; Cynthia Adair, 5-13-63.

TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Detroit Conf.; On Trial, 1965; D. 1965; E. 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian College, 1964; Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University (Assoc.), 1967; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc., Director, 1970. WIFE: Danita; CHILDREN: David William, 9-12-70.

WHITE, BONNE L.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Oregon Conf.; On Trial, 1954; D. (Rock River Conf.—Courtesy), 1954; E. 1957. EDUCATION: Baylor U., 1951; Garrett Theological Sem., 1955; Graduate Study, Drew University School of Theol., 1955-56. APPOINTMENTS: Central Methodist Church, Skokie, Ill., (Assoc.), 1953; Port Ewen-Rifton-Escopus, New York, New York Conf., 1955; Oregon Conf., Salem-Morningside (organizing pastor), 1956; LaGrande, Oregon, Idaho Conf. — Dir. Student Work, Eastern Oregon College, 1963; Oregon-Idaho Conf., Oregon City, Oregon, 1968; Alaska Mission Conf., Anchorage—First, 1972. WIFE: Nancy; CHILDREN: Amy Camille, 11-21-55; Tracy Kaarin, 1-10-57; Ross Boone, 12-25-57; Wendy Gretchen, 4-2-60; Kristyn Birgit, 3-11-69. OFFICE ADDRESS: 725 9th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501; PHONE: 272-2112
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WHITEHEAD, THOMAS M.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Oregon Conf.; On Trial, 1956; D. 1956; E. 1958; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1955; Pacific Sch. of Rel., 1958; APPOINTMENTS: Bay City-Garribaldi, 1958; Milwaukie-St. Paul's, 1962; Alaska Mission, Turnagain—Anchorage, 1970. WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Kathleen Teresa, 5-11-55; Donald Mark, 3-13-58; Daniel Lee, 5-9-62. OFFICE ADDRESS: 3300 Northern Lights, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 PHONE 279-3342
HOME ADDRESS: 3212 29th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99503; PHONE: 277-9601

WISCHMEIER, AC CHESTER

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, North Indiana Conf.; On Trial, 1938; D. 1938; E. 1940; EDUCATION: University of Nebraska, 1933; Boston University School of Theology, 1937; Graduate School, Boston University School of Theology, 1940; APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conf., Salmon Creek-East Vancouver, 1941; East Vancouver, 1942; Lewiston, Idaho, 1946; Kennewick, 1949; Seattle—Haller Lake, 1953; Supt., Walla Walla Dist., 1959; Supt. Tacoma Dist., 1961; Yakima—First, 1965; Bellingham Garden Street, 1967; Alaska Mission Superintendent, 1969. WIFE: Irene; CHILDREN: Stephen, Suzanna, Donald
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WISE, KEITH. B.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Pennsylvania Conf.; (EBU); On Trial, 1962; D. 1962; E. 1964. EDUCATION: Lebanon Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Student pastor, Belle Grove, Ohio, 1957; Youth Dir., Santa Clara Christian Ch., 1961; Wisconsinco-Loyalton, Pa., 1964; Clarksboro, N. J., 1968; Alaska Missionary Conf., Homer Parish, 1972. WIFE: Patricia; CHILDREN: Kathleen, 9-17-63; Michael, 2-13-65; Matthew, 10-29-66; Kristin, 1-13-69. OFFICE AND HOME ADDRESS: Box 332, Homer, Alaska 99603; PHONE: 235-8528

MEMBER EMERITUS

GROVES, MEREDITH A.

Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Northwest Kan. Conf.; On Trial, 1924; D. 1924; E. 1927; EDUCATION — APPOINTMENTS: Sc., 1925; Oregon Conf., Turned, 1927; West Salem, 1928; Cottage Grove, 1931; Portland-Beech St., 1935; Seaside, 1941; Medford 1947; Roseburg, 1952; Supt. Eugene Dist., 1953; Exec. Sec., Coordinating Council, 1959; Supt. Alaska Mission, 1964; R. 1969. WIFE: Esther; CHILDREN: Meredith, Vernon, Eugene
ADDRESS: 5145 S. Lincoln, Portland, Oregon 97215